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GAOTH AN IAR LIOM A COMHNADH

MAY SONG

We have been a-rambling all of the night
The best part of the day;
We are returning here back again
And we've brought you a garland gay.

A bunch of May we've ever found
Before the Dawn it stands;
It is but a sprout and the Sun got it out
And it is the work of God's own hands.

Wake up, you. Wake up, pretty maids!
Come take the May bush in;
For it will be gone 'ere tomorrow morn
And you will have none within.

The heavenly gates are open wide
To let escape the dew;
It makes no delay, is here today
And it falls on me and you.

For the life of a man is but a span
He's cut down like the flower;
He makes no delay. he is here today
And he's vanished all in an hour.

And when you are dead, and you're in your grave
You're covered in the cold, cold clay;
The worms they will eat your flesh, good maid
And your bones they will waste away.

My song is done, I must be gone
I can no longer stay;
God bless us all, both great and small
And wish us a gladsome May.

--Traditional

SUMMER IS I-COMEN IN

--KEN GILLMAN--

THE MONTH OF MAY: in 725 the Anglo-Saxon church historian Bede, reporting on the calendar of his Pagan forbears who had migrated from the Germanic lands into Britain, said they began their solar year with "the turning of the Sun towards longer days", that is with the longest night, which they called "Mother's night": at the Winter solstice. The Venerable Bede lists the names of the Germanic months [*1]. We find that the month we now know as May was known by them as *thrimilchi*--"because cows could then be milked three times a day". Another name used for May in Saxon England was Sproutkale: the sprouting time of virgin-mother Earth with her archaic Aryan name of Kale, Kelle, or Kali. The more popular name for this month, which has come down into modern usage, although without its old calendar meaning, was that it was the month of the Honeymoon.

And rightly so, for May is when sweet desire weds wild delight. The Maiden of Spring and the Lord of the Waxing Year meet in the greening fields and rejoice together under the warm Sun. A spiral web is twined around the shaft of life and all of nature is

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[*1] Bede, De Temporum Ratione, Ch. 15. There is a modern edition by Charles W. Jones (Cambridge, Mass. 1943).

Bede's list of months with his explanations is as follows:

Geola:	from the turning of the Sun, (2 months)
Solmonath:	Cake Month, from cakes offered to the gods,
Hredmonath:	from the goddess Hreda,
Eosturmonath:	from the goddess Eostre,
Thrimilchi:	because cows could then be milked three times a day,
Lida:	"mild" or "travelling" month, (2 months)
Weodmonath:	Weed Month,
Halegmonath:	Saints' Month,
Winerfilleth:	Winter Full Moon,
Blodmonath:	Blood Month, when animals were sacrificed.

renewed. Now is a time of flowering, when we meet to dance the dance of life and we celebrate with May-poles and bonfires the marriage of Hermes to his Bride.

This is the month of the two, the couple who delight in each other's company.

This was the time of May marriages when couples ran off together into the woods to enjoy each other. Young men went out early into the fields and brought back garlands of may, cowslips and primroses, and placedthese before dawn at their true love's door.

It is also the time when the morning dew is said to have unusual properties. Gathering the dew in the early hours of May-morning and washing one's face in it is a centuries-old custom. Queen Catherine of Aragon went dew-gathering with twenty-five of her ladies in 1515. The English diarist, Samuel Pepys, recorded in his 1669 diary that his wife and maid went out at three in the morning to gather May-dew. They returned and were back in bed by six. The dew was used both for healing and as a beautifying and luck-bringing agent. It is still valued in parts of Europe.

On May Day the famous Hobby Horse of Padstow in the west of England comes out to meet the Summer. Old 'Oss is a very spectacular beast. He wears a hoop-shaped frame, about six feet round, covered with black tarpaulin. In front of the hoop is a small, wooden horse's head with snapper jaws. His own head is hidden by a ferocious-looking mask, surmounted by a tall, conical cap. Old 'Oss, accompanied by singers, dancers and a band, capers and gambols through the streets chasing the girls. If he can he'll corner one against a wall and cover her with his huge tarpaulin skirt. If she is unmarried, this act is supposed to bring her a husband; if she already is, a baby is to be expected within a year. In the old days the man playing 'Oss would be naked under the skirt, and the inside of the cloth was smeared with blacklead, which left a mark on the girl as a sign of the good fortune to come.

The last verse of the Padstow May Song is sung each time, after he has caught and tumbled a young girl, that Old 'Oss dies a magical death. He will sink to the ground as if dying and lie there while his dirge is sung. When the music reverts to the livelier music of the earlier verses, the 'Oss leaps up, high in the air, and off he goes again, as full of life as ever.

* * *

PADSTOW MAY SONG

Unite & unite & let us all unite
For summer is i-comen in today
And whither we are going
We will all unite
In the merry morning of May

The young men of Padstow
They might if they would
For summer is i-comen in today
They might have built a ship
And guilded her with gold
In the merry morning of May.

The young maids of Padstow
They might if they would
For summer is i-comen in today
They might have made a garland
Of the white rose and the red
In the merry month of May

O, where is St George? O, where is he, O?
He's out in his long boat on the salt sea, O
Up flies the kite, down falls the lark, O
Aunt Ursula Birdwood, she had an old ewe
And she died in her own park, O.

Easter was late this year. The Equinox occurred when the Moon was in Scorpio, two days following a Full Moon. As Easter falls on the Sunday following the Full Moon after the Equinox, we had to wait until the Moon had travelled around to 25° Libra for that Full Moon, then one more week for Easter, by which time the Sun had moved on into Taurus.

There are few ceremonies actually at the Equinox. The main Christian festival, Easter, and the Jewish Passover always occur after it. Following these two is the old Saxon festival that welcomes in the Summer on 1st May.

Easter is the springtime sacrificial festival --whether of the Saxon goddess Eostre, after whom it is named; or the Greek dawn-goddess Eos weeping dew for the hero Mennon; or Ishtar weeping for Tammuz;

or Mary for Jesus. Her sacred month was Eosturmonath, the Moon of Eostre. Like all the church's "movable feasts", Easter shows its pagan origin in a dating system based on the old lunar calendar. The symbols associated with this holy festival also take us back to pre-Christian times. The Easter Bunny is the Moon-hare that was sacred to the Goddess throughout the ancient world. Eggs are symbolic of rebirth (the regularly recurrent period of ovulation in animals is called oestrus), which is why Easter eggs used always to be colored red--the life-colour. Russians used to lay red eggs on graves as resurrection charms. And the cross itself can be related directly to the Equinox--it is a representation of the two solstices and the two equinoxes, on the cross of which our lives are led.

The Jewish Passover is not unrelated to the Saxon May-Pole ceremonies. The Passover meal is called Seder, which name has an interesting resemblance to the Egyptian Sed, the oldest festival of Osirian regeneration and fertility. At the Sed, Osiris's masculinity was erected in the form of the Djed column, originally a simple phallic obelisk, and later a representation of Osiris's sacrum, the "sacred bone" so called because it was regarded as the source of seminal fluid. When Isis brought Osiris back to life, her first care was to make him "stand up", which meant restoration of his phallic spirit. The term Passover itself must refer to the Sun passing north over the equinoctial point, irrespective of the rabbinical meaning given to the word.

A likely source of the later-Saxon May Pole is the Irminsul, the world pillar worshipped by the continental Saxons and destroyed by Charlemagne. It was a large wooden pillar set in the open air, representing the supporting post of the universe. In the far North the Irminsul becomes not a pillar, but a leafy tree that rose through all of the worlds, on whose branches the Sun and Moon nest. It is the world axis, the astrologer's MC-IC meridian, symbol of divine order.

Whatever the source of the Saxon May Pole, we do know that it was in regular use until quite recent times. Although most towns and villages had a permanent May Pole, some 30 or 40 feet high, situated in their centre, its use was restricted to the single month of May.

The month May is named after the Grandmother of Magic, Maia, mother of the Enlightened One, Hermes. The ancient representation of Herm reminds us of the

Osirian Djed column. Invariably this was an oblong stone surmounted with the head of the god and otherwise unadorned save for his reproductive organ projecting from the centre of the column.

The flowering hawthorn takes its name from this month, in which it flowers.

May was the traditional month for "wearing of the green" in honour of the Earth Mother's new garment, and of love-making in ploughed fields to encourage the crops. May was a honey-moon of sexual freedom throughout rural Europe up to the 16th century. The Church was obviously opposed to this pagan religious festival--without success. All other pagan ceremonies have been successfully incorporated into Church holy-days, except for May Day. Only Communist Russia has succeeded in perverting May Day for political ends, turning its phallic symbol into the parade of rockets and gun barrels in Red Square. In the United States, on 1st May 1887 and for many subsequent May Days this was when workers marched wearing black to display their grief, in remembrance of the Haymarket martyrs. By the 1930's, however, despite the economic depression, these marches of working people had become transformed into festive, joyous occasions. The ageless Beltane theme is no different from the intent of Samuel Fielden and the other early Labor fighters against oppression: *we need more time to enjoy our lives.*

"...O Do not tell the priest our plight
for he would call it sin,
for we've been out in the wood all night
a'conjuring summer in,
And we bring good news by word of mouth,
good news for cattle and corn--
Now is the Sun come out of the South,
With oak and ash and thorn..."

--Rudyard Kipling

May is the month of the Two. The month of joy and love-making, of weddings. It is that time in the year-round story when the Sun-god is hunting in the forest in pursuit of the white doe. As he comes near, hot on the heels of his red-eared hounds, she turns at bay and changes back into a young and beautiful goddess. He woos her and wins her and their marriage is celebrated on the first day of May with feasting and joy.

The red ears of the Sun-god's hounds tell us that he is in Aries, just below the horizon at dawn, tinting the morning sky. The goddess he is chasing is the morning star, Venus, ruler of the Dawn and Taurus. Their coupling occurs in Gemini, the sign of pairing.

April is promise; May is fulfillment. May is the time when everything seems to be happening, when life rises to a peak. May is the birdsong month. May is when we rebel most of all against routine, when we want to have the largest margins to our lives, when we desire to wander through the woods and over the fields completely free of all entangling engagements.

In the woods are hundreds of white or pink-tinted wild flowers bobbing and dancing on slender stems--the windflowers, the wood anemones. In Greek mythology, Venus created them from drops of blood of the slain Adonis. As with Christ's crucifixion, the Earth used to demand the shedding of blood, a reddening of the sky as the morning star heralds the dawning, before the annual spring dawning of summer. A thousand and more years ago, the Saxons named these early blooms of spring "flaw-flowers"--flaw meaning gust--because they do wave in the slightest gust of air.

In the I Ching, this time of the year is represented by the Hexagram of the Sun--the Gentle, the Penetrating, the time of Home-coming. It refers to the wind which flutters the flaw-flowers and penetrates into all grooves. Although it does not do so by force, it is present everywhere because it is incorporeal. This is the time, the old Chinese tell us, of the intrusion of air.

The hexagram Sun is of the element Wood, the roots of which (as a tree) penetrate everywhere and bear up the life-sap from the earth. The concept of penetration (reminding us of the Osirian Sed and Saxon May-pole) is about forms becoming actuality, life again assuming reality. Those individual demands in all their details, that we had forgotten in the course of winter, the annual night, approach again; we now must fulfill them. Things are once again infused with reality, now that May is here. This is the time of the resurrection.

The I Ching tells us that someone born in this month will quietly weigh and consider, know when to advance and when to retreat. That person will bring increase to the household because he or she possesses talents for economy fit to obtain threefold value in the marketplace--*the thrimilchi!*

THE GREAT MUTATION CYCLE [*1]

--CHARLES A. JAYNE--

THE SECOND-ORDER RECURRENCE cycle of Jupiter-Saturn has long been known to astrologers as a major factor in the political economy. The two planets are in conjunction every 19.8593 years, having advanced 242°59' in the tropical Zodiac. After three such synodic periods (59.5779 years) they will have advanced 8°56' in the Tropical Zodiac, this being their first-order recurrence cycle. This no doubt accounts for the 60-year period being given such prominence by ancient astrologers. After forty synodic cycles the conjunction is only 57' (tropical) back from where it was at the start of the second-order recurrence cycle of 794.3726 years. During this time the two bodies have made ten conjunctions in each of the four Elements during each 198.593-year period. Ancient astrologers considered these Mutations of the Elements (the *Trigonalis*) to be of great importance to the political economy.

In the sidereal Zodiac this 794.3726-period is not a true recurrence cycle. Due to precession, the two bodies are still 11° away from their starting position. If we add a first-order cycle of 59.5779 years to the second-order cycle's 794.3726 years we obtain a period of 853.9506 years, by which time the recurrence orb (in the sidereal) has been reduced to 3°57'. But because of the famous long-period inequality between the two bodies (their mutual periodic perturbations) we have to add yet another cycle of 59.5779 years, to total now to 913.5285 years, before a true recurrence occurs in the sidereal Zodiac. Studies of history reveal a 794-year rhythm (the tropical recurrence cycle) but not one of 914 years (the Sidereal recurrence cycle): this alone has to be major evidence for the reality of the tropical Zodiac!

[*1] Excerpted from Charles A. Jayne's current work in progress The Path to Higher Consciousness--The Astrology of the Soul

In his *A Study of History*, the British historian Arnold J. Toynbee describes a cycle in the development of all of the Parochial Civilizations that has an average length of 791 years. During that interval there is both a period of union (the Universal State, its length varying from a quarter to half of the cycle), and a Time of Troubles, during which the Society (my name) is disunited into smaller warring states and undergoes much civil strife. In some instances the Society is integrated by an alien people.

This 791-year cycle has been independently studied in China by the historian Dr. J. S. Lee and his well-known associates Hu Shih and Lin Yutang. [*2] As China has extensive historical records, they were able to measure the amount of internal warfare at five-year intervals between 221 B.C. and 1930 A.D. The semibarbaric but militarily powerful Ch'in dynasty forced the union of China in 221 B.C.--the name China is derived from this dynasty. The union was continued under the successive prior- and post-Han dynasties for about 400 years. The period preceding this integration Spengler termed "the period of the contending states". Dr. Lee et alia believed that there had been a previous integration some 800 years earlier under the Shang (1766-1122 B.C.), but adequate historical records do not go that far back. [*3] The next integration was under the Sui-Tang dynasties from 589 A.D. Yan Ch'en acceded to power in 581--this is 801 years after the start of the prior integration in 221 B.C. (there is no year "0"). This union was not as strong as the prior one--always true of the third union. The fourth and final integration occurred under the alien Ming dynasty of the Manchus in 1368 A.D. Note that the interval from the Ch'in to the Ming is just 2 x 794 = 1588 years! On 1st November 1365 the Jupiter-Saturn conjunction was transmuted from the Air signs into Scorpio [*4] at 7°, as determined by Ralph Kraum. The studies of Dr. Lee et alia show two brief peaks of internal warfare during the period of

[*2] Chinese Journal of Arts and Sciences, 1930.

[*3] This is important as my own work suggests there is a sequence of four such cycles in the development of a Society.

[*4] I refuse to term Scorpio a Water sign, preferring to call it Liquid.

union. During the remainder of the cycle there was continuous internal strife with five peaks of violence.

The cycle we are discussing also involves Uranus and, to a lesser degree, Pluto. At the end of two Jupiter-Saturn mutations (1588.7452 years) Uranus has completed 199 revolutions and advanced somewhat over 11° from its starting point, an approximate recurrence (tropical). At the end of the whole sequence of four Mutations Pluto has completed 13 revolutions and has advanced a little over 17°, another approximate recurrence (tropical). [*5] Thus these transpersonal planets must affect the 791-year rhythm.

Dr. Lee noted that the peak of disunion and civil strife occurred 540 years after the integrations. At such times China has been split between North and South, and the capital city each time has been shifted from North to South. After 24 conjunctions, in 1088.7222 years, Saturn and Uranus return (tropical) to a position only 23' later in the zodiac. Therefore, after 544.36 years, during which time a conjunction in each of the twelve signs has occurred, their conjunction is just 12' from the opposition to their starting point. This opposition accounts for the split of the Society. Uranus brings the shift of the capital and the breakup of the overly crystallized saturnine forms. At the commencement of each integration there have been huge engineering works: in the Ch'in dynasty the famous Great Wall and large palaces were constructed, during the Sui dynasty the Grand Canal and more huge palaces, and in the Ming dynasty the restoration of the Great Wall and the construction of more canals. From the peak of the "troubles" at the 544-year point to the start of the next integration is 250.0115 years, almost the length of a cycle of Pluto, so Pluto will be nearly in the same zodiacal position at both of these times.

I have been using Erlewine's long-term *Time Traveller* program for my Commodore computer. While its results are not exact they are close to the correct values. I am now taking into account the effects of orbital eccentricities and of geocentric distortions.

[*5] These are all mean heliocentric periods.

This program gives 5°26' Scorpio on 17th October for the Jupiter-Saturn Great Mutation of 1365 A.D. Kraum obtained 7° Scorpio, to the nearest whole degree, on 1st November. The conjunction's arc from Uranus, then at 16°22' Cancer, was 108°56'. On 7th November 1910 Jupiter and Uranus are again this same distance apart (Jupiter 17°02' Taurus, Uranus 28°06' Capricorn). It was on 10th October 1911 that the rule of the Manchus was finally thrown off, the ninth attempt under Sun Yat-Sen, born a Scorpio in 1866. Thus we see the 544.3611-year half-cycle of Saturn-Uranus actually at work. Add this 544.3611-year period to the 794.3726 years of Jupiter-Saturn, we then obtain 1338.7337 years. Compare this figure with the 1338.7337-years second-order recurrence cycle of Jupiter-Uranus. There is just a single year difference! The Great Mutation of the Sui dynasty [*6] occurred on 26th August 571 A.D. at 2°58' Scorpio with Uranus 82°40'away at 25°18' Capricorn. Using the Jupiter-Uranus period, we again find these two planets the same 82°40' apart on 3rd July 1911 (Jupiter at 28°11' Libra, Uranus 21°51' Capricorn). It is, therefore, hardly a surprise that Sun Yat-Sen's success, called the Double Ten, occurred on 10th October (10/10) 1911. [*7]

This same rhythm has governed Graeco-Roman and European societies. Toynbee dated the Roman Empire from the battle of Actium in 31 B.C. I prefer 27 B.C., the year Augustus became the first Emperor. As far as I can determine it the Jupiter-Saturn conjunctions was transmuted into the Fire signs (Leo) in 26 B.C. One cycle earlier there is some evidence for the typical weak and short-lived first union in Greece. The next union occurred under Charlemagne and the fourth and final one occurred under the Hapsburgs, whose empire covered most of Europe and most of South America. I date this from the accession of Philip II of Spain (a Hapsburg) in 1556.

Erlewine's *Time Travellor* program gives a Jupiter-Saturn conjunction on 2nd August 769 A.D. at 2°44' Leo. Charlemagne was crowned Emperor of the West in 800, but he had become sole ruler of the Franks in 771. One cycle later there was a conjunction at 29°07' Cancer, barely short of Leo, on 25th August 1563.

[*6] The Sui dynasty commenced in 589 A.D.

[*7] I have had a special interest in this date since by Chinese time I was born on that very same day, month and year!

If we add the 544.3611-year half period of Saturn-Uranus to the 26 B.C. Great Mutation we obtain 518 A.D. The capital of the West was shifted from Soissons to Paris around that date. If we again add this same 544.3611-year period to the Great Mutation date in 769 A.D. we obtain 1313 A.D. Alternatively, add the whole Jupiter-Uranus 1339.8088-year recurrence cycle period to 26 B.C., we then arrive at 1314 A.D. [*8] In 1309 Avignon became Rome's rival as religious capital of the West. under Clement V (the period of the false Pope). Thus a most striking pattern emerges from the long-term interplay of Jupiter-Saturn-Uranus.

What then of Russia and the United States? Toynbee dates the Russian Empire from 1472 A.D. I cannot agree. No Society's union lasts longer than for half of the cycle, i.e. 397 years. Were he correct it would have ended in the latter half of the 19th century. While Humpty-Dumpty "fell off the wall" in the Russian Revolution, he was pasted back together again by the Communists. On 20th December 1603 there was a Great Mutation in Fire, not yet in Leo but at 8°46' Sagittarius. I take this to show the Russian Empire; the Romanov dynasty that had its sway until 1917, commenced in 1613.

I have used Quincy Wright's two-volume *A Study Of War*, together with the third volume of *Social and Cultural Dynamics* by Pitirim Sorokin, as sources for my data on internal warfare in the West. This has convinced me that Toynbee's date for Russia is too early. I therefore anticipate the end of the malign Russian Imperium shortly after 2000 A.D. (the last Jupiter-Saturn conjunction in Earth occurs then), this being 397 years after 1603.

In 1802 the Jupiter-Saturn conjunction entered Earth (Virgo), but subsequently receded again into Fire (Aries) in 1822. The conjunction became established in Earth (Capricorn) in 1842, this being the date for the Trigonalis that most astrologers agree upon. In like manner, the first conjunction in Air occurred in 1980-81 (Libra), but it will not be established in Air until the 0°37' Aquarius conjunction on 22nd December 2020. Shortly after this date the American or Atlantic Empire should come into being. It will embrace, at the least: the United States-Canada-Great Britain, probably Australia and

[*8] The years 1313-14 mark a hiatus. There had been no Pope for 27 months until John XXII was elected in 1316. The Holy Roman Emperor, Henry VII, died in 1313. His empire was split between Frederick of Austria and Lewis IV of Bavaria.

New Zealand, and possibly parts of Scandanavia. The previous Mutation in Air was the conjunction at about 1°55' Aquarius on 26th February 1226 A.D., this measuring to the weak Angevin Empire of the Plantagenets in the lower part of Britain and the upper part of France. Henry III ruled from 1227. More importantly the famous Magna Carta was reissued definitively in 1225, which has since been a basis of British government. If we add the half-period of Saturn-Uranus (544.36 years) to 1226 it gives 1770, just on the eve of the American Revolution! At the Mutation in 1226 Uranus was at 25°35' Scorpio (in both trine and parallel to Jupiter and Saturn). The swearing-in of American Presidents with the Sun at the cusp of Aquarius, where the Jupiter-Saturn Mutations into Air now occur, does seem to fit this pattern. From the foregoing: *The Russians do not have any possibility of winning in any showdown with the Atlantic Empire!*

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The most powerful economic rhythm is the well-known *Kondratieff cycle*, whose length has been given as from 52 to 56 years. It affects:

1. Stock prices
2. Commodity prices
3. Interest rates
4. Capital formation.

David Williams, a leading investigator of astro-economics, has given it a length of 56 years. Edward R. Dewey, creator of The Foundation for the Study of Cycles, gave it a length of 54 years after studying fluctuations in British corn prices over the past six centuries. The distinguished French astrologer, Andre Barbault, writing in *The Astrological Journal*, correlated it to the 45.36 year synodic cycle of Saturn-Uranus. This is too short a period. If, however, we measure the synodic cycle of the planetary picture Saturn/Uranus = Pluto, we find it is 52.944 years long and the likely basis of this economic rhythm. After that interval the transiting Saturn-Uranus midpoint catches up with Pluto. Since Pluto's true motion varies from one to two degrees a year, the 52.944 years is only a mean value, with the variations from it accounting for the disagreements about the length of the Kondratieff cycle. Monsieur Barbault was right in principle if not in fact. Fifteen periods of 52.944 equal 794.16 years, or one Great Mutation cycle--further evidence of the importance of Uranus and Pluto in its rhythmic effects.

MUNDANE LOOK-ALIKES (3)

LUCKY STRIKES

---AXEL HARVEY---

BOTH EVENTS DEALT WITH here have to do with finding gold: the real kind and the black, oozing kind.

Exhibit Number One is the Klondike Gold Rush, or rather the placer gold discovery that led to the Gold Rush of 1897-1898. The claim that brought it on was staked on 17th August 1896, around 17:00 UT, along Bonanza Creek south of Dawson, Yukon Territory: 64N00 139W00, give or take five or six miles.

Number Two is the first commercial oil strike in Iran, then known as Persia. That historic gush came on 26th May 1908, at 4:30 LMT, near Masjid-i-Sulaiman: 31N59 49E18.

One event obviously had more lasting and important consequences than the other: we shall see presently how this difference is reflected in the two horoscopes. The later and more far-reaching one took place in a climate of desperation. The original promoter of Persian oil had ruined himself looking for an oil field. The British government (eager for oil that could easily be moved under Royal Navy protection) stepped in and arranged for the drilling to be taken over by a successful Anglo-Indian enterprise, the Burmah Oil Company. Bad luck continued for more long weeks; banks and investors cleared their throats menacingly until, on 25th May 1908, the Burmah engineers received a telegram ordering them home.

Someone, with that glorious sort of hunch which is both divine and accursed, decided to keep on drilling the last well overnight. At 4:30, local time, it made history. Burmah transformed itself into the Anglo-Persian Oil Company, later British Petroleum; the Persian Gulf slowly turned into the world's most alarming body of water.

KLONDIKE GOLD RUSH

17 AUGUST, 1896

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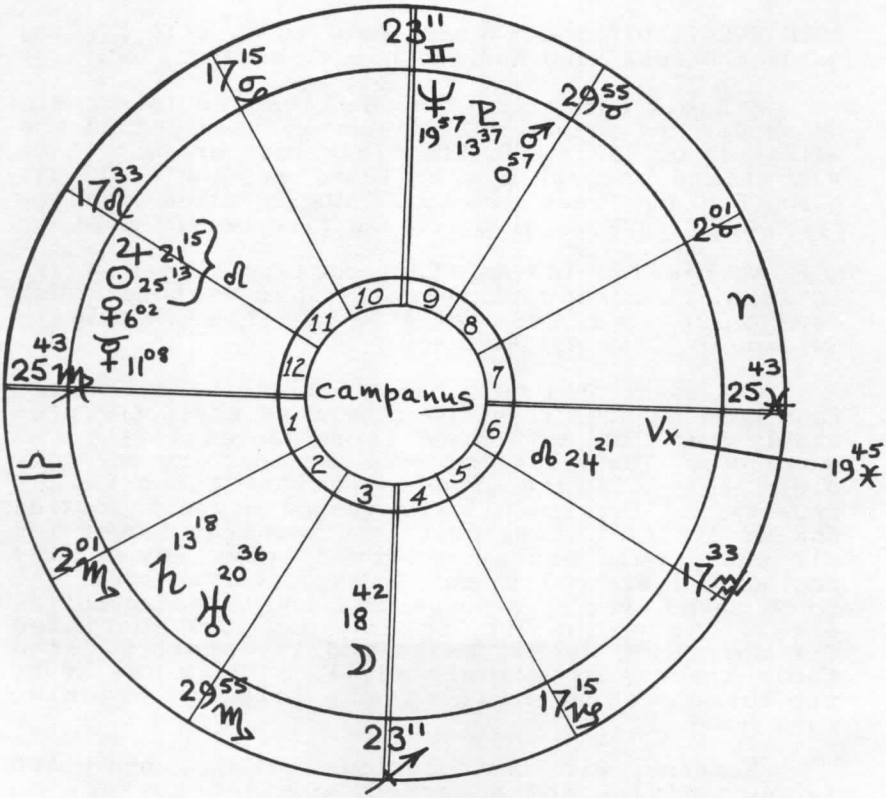
64N00, 139W00



FIRST COMMERCIAL OIL STRIKE IN IRAN

26th May 1908

04:30 LMT (01:30 UT)

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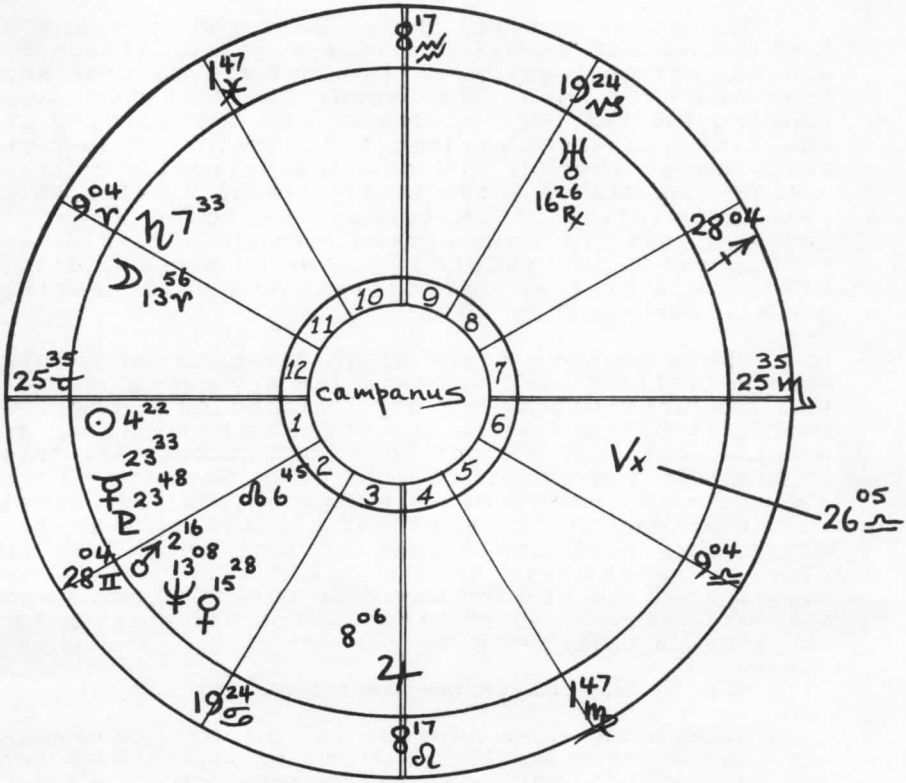

Those who found gold in Bonanza Creek were also desperate, albeit in a simpler way: they were starving. On 15th August 1896 their lucky strike, as far as they were concerned, was the moose one of them had shot. The meat would be most gratefully eaten after days of terrible luck.

The three men--George Washington Carmac and two Indians, Skookum Jim and Cultus Charlie--had run out of supplies while looking for good stands of timber. They were aware that gold was to be found in the vicinity, as several interesting claims had been staked already, but they seem to have spent less time panning the streams than fishing.

The moose changed that. Near the spot where this convenient animal fell there was a stretch of gravel, not only gold-bearing, but richer than any they had ever seen. They spent the next two days looking for the best places and on the morning of the 17th--after some haggling, quaint to modern ears, about whether Indians could legally file a claim--they staked three likely areas: one for each man. This joint claim turned out to be so well endowed that the news spread around the world. By 1899, some 30,000 people had come to the Klondike; almost all of them, along with the gold-bearing gravel, were gone by 1910.

There is some doubt as to the hour we should assign to the Klondike claim (in any case, none of the features discussed here depend on a precise hour). It probably was not staked immediately at sunrise, but it could not have been staked very late in the morning either. On the same day, the three men travelled eleven miles through woods and swamps to their camp at the mouth of the Klondike river, where they prepared a raft of logs they were to float to a sawmill on the Yukon. It is safe to assume that the staking was done by 8 o'clock, Yukon Standard Time, by which time the Sun had been up for three and a half hours.

Now to the points the maps have in common:

1. In both cases Jupiter is in Leo--the events are twelve years apart--and in major aspect with the Sun: a conjunction for the 1896 map (orb $3^{\circ}58'$) and a sextile for the 1908 map (orb $3^{\circ}44'$).

2. The Moon's mean node lies on the Sun-Jupiter midpoint (orbs $1^{\circ}07'$ in 1896 and 31' in 19080.

3. The Moon opposes Neptune in 1896 ($1^{\circ}15'$, applying) and squares Neptune in 1908 (48').

4. Mercury squares Pluto in 1896 (2°29', applying) and is in conjunction with Pluto in 1908 (15').

5. In both maps Uranus aspects Neptune, and Venus makes a hard contact with their midpoint. For 1896 we have Uranus quincunx Neptune (39') and Venus conjunct the Uranus-Neptune midpoint within 46'. For 1908 we have an opposition of the two outer planets (3°18') and Venus squaring their midpoint (41').

6. In the 1896 map Mars opposes the Moon-Saturn midpoint (3'), while in the 1908 map Saturn makes a semisquare to the Moon-Mars midpoint (33').

7. In 1896 Mars squares the Saturn-Neptune midpoint (41'), while in 1908 Saturn squares the Mars-Neptune midpoint (9').

8. In both maps there is a region, approximately five signs in extent, devoid of planets. If both map times are correct even within an hour, this empty region covers the western part of the maps. Thus the mass of planets is either rising or culminating.

Advocates of the "King Plutus" interpretation of Pluto will find reason to rejoice in the Mercury-Pluto contacts; for here were underground resources about which a great many words have been written, and many slogans shouted.

However it is the Sun-Jupiter relationship, with its connotation of easily acquired wealth, which seems most revealing. It may be relevant that among twelve lottery, quiz and sweepstakes winners included in Lois Rodden's *The American Book of Charts*, there are five such contacts: a conjunction (4°51'), a sextile (1°44'), an opposition (4'), and two semi-sextiles (46' and 36'). There is also a good number of Sun-Jupiter aspects in the horoscopes of the very rich, and it seems significant that the contact is as frequent among those who inherited their fortunes as among those who built them. In Rodden's book there are James Buchanan Duke (square, 1°50'); Nelson Rockefeller (semi-sextile, 11'); Henry Ford II (square, 57'); Howard Hughes (biquintile, 59'); Stavros Niarchos (sextile, 59').

A combination of the greater Benefic and the golden Light or its sign, Leo, comes naturally to mind as the signature of wealth. Astrologers have not always thought the matter so simple, however. To Firmicus Maternus (4th century A.D.) "trouble and weariness is indicated by Jupiter in Leo, until Saturn, having left Pisces, arrives in Aries."

Whether from Aries or elsewhere, the supporting aspect of Saturn was necessary to turn a leonine Jupiter from a liability to an asset. Firmicus would have been a good astrologer to consult about the Klondike Gold Rush. The 1896 map has Saturn in Scorpio, no help to Jupiter; in fact, the only harmonious aspects the benefic enjoys are the sextile and trine from Neptune and the Moon, which are opposed to each other: here is a recipe for obsessive dreams nourished by jolly optimism, just the right atmosphere to send one packing one's bags for the Yukon. What awaited there--"trouble and weariness"--can be read on the faces of the would-be prospectors appearing in some photographs taken as they set off to the gold fields, ill clothed for the cold, ill shod for the terrain. Hundreds dropped out before reaching the shiny river-bank they had imagined.

In the 1908 map Saturn makes its trine to Jupiter from Aries, the very configuration heartily recommended by Firmicus. This helps to explain the relative success of the Persian adventure. Another factor is the presence of six planets in cardinal signs. In the Klondike map all cardinal signs are empty.

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THE HOROSCOPE OF W. H. CHANEY

--INTERPRETED BY HIMSELF--

The following is the reading, written in 1872 by Mr W. H. Chaney, of his own horoscope, which Alan Leo published as the fifth of a series of " Horoscopes of Notable Astrologers" in the January, 1892 issue of The Astrologers' Magazine. Chaney was perhaps the first US-born astrologer to have an international reputation. We came across the article in January, on the occasion of Mr Chaney's first Neptune return.

ALL THE PLANETS UNDER THE EARTH, save the Moon, show the first half of life dark, discouraging, and unsuccessful. The affliction of the fourth indicates the "end of the matter" will never be brilliant, and always unlucky with real estate (although I never owned any except in a graveyard). Saturn in the seventh provides me most abundantly with bitter public enemies. Besides, he makes it evil for marriage. I have buried one wife, been divorced, and for three years have been detained by circumstances from my present wife, one of the best of women, as well as a very talented artist.

Mercury in a cardinal sign, joined by Uranus, gives me an odd, versatile, original mind. Together with the Moon in a scientific sign, on the cusp of the house of science, in sextile to Saturn, denoting mathematics, this shows an intellect above the average. My last years of life will be the best, yet I can never be very popular, or have much wealth. With "moveable" signs on the four cardinal houses, and the Moon (the synonym for change), so strong, Astrology indicates that I am a restless, unsettled person, ever ready to move, and make changes.

In this horoscope, Saturn denotes a cold, unfeeling, cruel, revengeful nature, mingled with the rashness and impetuosity denoted by his position in the sign of Mars, and these conflicting testimonies must be mingled with the tenderness and amiability of the ascending sign Libra and its ruler Venus,

WILLIAM H. CHANEY

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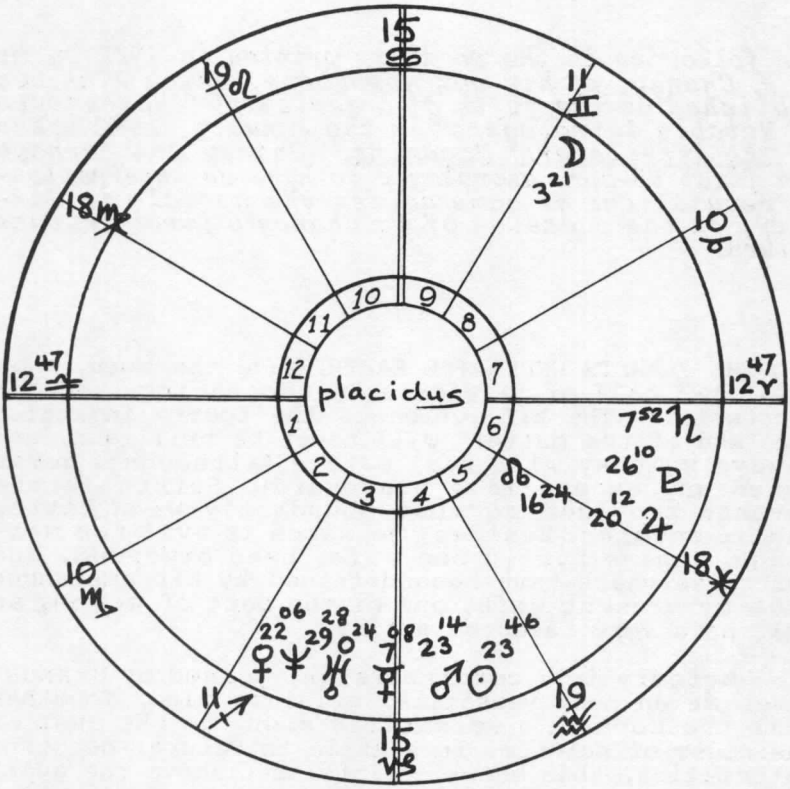

Principle aspects:

Sun conjunct Mars, sextile Jupiter. Moon sextile Saturn, applying to sesquiquadrate with Sun and Mars. Mercury square Saturn. Venus square Jupiter.

Note that Pluto and Neptune, although included in the above, were excluded by Chaney from this reading of his own horoscope--Neptune had only been discovered a few years previously! At the end of this article we have addded a note Charles Hatfield wrote concerning Neptune in Chaney's nativity. Perhaps a reader might care to do the same for Pluto?

giving that cast of countenance, which enabled Dr. Simms, the distinguished physiologist, to read me carefully before a large audience, not knowing that I was the great unaccountable.

The ascending degree must be selected as the "hyleg", because neither the Sun or Moon are found in an hylegiacal place. The hyleg has the opposition of Saturn, but so near the extremity of the 5° orb from the cusp, that the affliction is very light, denoting a strong constitution, but little illness, and extra long life. Saturn is in Aries ruling the head, therefore ailments of the head are indicated. Mars posited in Capricorn denotes accidents to the knees and lower limbs, and I have had both accidents and diseases. Additional testimony is given by Uranus in Capricornus which indicates odd and acute ailments.

The revenge and vindictiveness are indicated by Saturn; firstly by his opposition to the ascendant, and secondly by his very close quartile to Mercury, ruler of the mind. It is the peculiar combination of the mental faculties which constitutes the disposition. Mercury disposed of by Saturn, in addition to the very severe affliction, shows the stubborn, morose, gloomy indications of Saturn.

If the benefics had cast a friendly ray to Mercury, a gentler disposition would have been denoted. The Moon sends a beneficient ray to Saturn, but he completes the circuit by transmitting it to Mercury by a malignant quartile. Thus, not only is the aspect evil, but the transmitter also.

The Sun rules the house of friends, and is very seriously afflicted by Mars. This testimony virtually denies friends altogether. But Jupiter in his domal dignity in such close sextile to the Sun, promises a few friends among the class denoted by Jupiter in his own sign, such as the wealthy, influential, aristocratic, and so forth. But Jupiter is hidden away in a cadent house, as though ashamed to be friendly, and this corresponds quite correctly with my experience in the matter of friends. Venus, my significator, sends an evil ray to Jupiter, as though it was my fault that my high positioned friends are generally ashamed to acknowledge my acquaintance, and I suppose this is so. Mercury, ruler of the house of secret enemies, suffers from an almost exact quartile of Saturn. This denotes secret enemies in abundance, especially such as are denoted by Mercury--viz., scientific and intellectual.

Mars rules the house of public enemies, and as if that were not enough, Saturn is there, rendered more malicious by being in his fall. All my life I have been pursued by bitter public enemies. Probably my combativeness, and utter refusal to compromise on *anything* (for I hold that a compromise implies a surrender of something that should be retained), renders me an object of great abhorrence.

The indications of the square of Saturn to Mercury are, when enraged, and reason no longer holds control, no man can be more malicious and cruel. But there is a sunny side to my nature as shown by Venus and Libra, and when not angry: I get faint if I attempt to pick out a splinter from under one's nail, and cannot bear to shed blood at all.

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Our author of the foregoing, W. H. Chaney, is very discursive on the subject of his various marriages. We may briefly say that, according to his own explanation, he did not get on with them, and separations resulted. We do not think it necessary to add much to what the native has written, but his remarks as regards his combativeness clearly show the character of the man. We would suggest to the native the advisability of cultivating a little more of the nature suggested by his rising sign Libra and its ruler, and use his better nature to kill that which emanates from the square of Saturn and Mercury, endeavouring to live in love and charity with all men.

--ALAN LEO
The Astrologers' Magazine,
January, 1892.

In the horoscope of the American astrologer W. H. Chaney the planet Neptune is posited in the third house in 29°28' Sagittarius. This shows an unsettled condition during life, with trouble through relatives. Neptune is conjunct Venus, which denotes much misery in marriage, separations and divorce, and such has been the case; while Mercury being near Neptune denotes a severe critic, and it also causes annoyance through strangers who write letters that prove unremunerative. Those who have read Chaney's works will know this is so. Neptune square Jupiter denotes trouble in money matters, expenses and losses, while the conjunction of Uranus and Neptune indicates the hatred which fortune tellers and quack-astrologers bear toward him.

--CHARLES HATFIELD,
The Astrologers' Magazine,
July, 1891.

The following article is the first of a series in which well-known professional astrologers describe just how they interpret a natal horoscope.

CHART INTERPRETATION

--MICHAEL ERLEWINE--

I VERY MUCH APPRECIATE the opportunity to contribute to this series. I have always been fascinated to know how others might go about the process of chart interpretation. It is an area of astrology where astrologers differ, and agree to differ.

Soon after I began writing this article I became aware that there is no way I can hope to communicate in a few words what I have spent years evolving.

The techniques and even the process that I will describe here (like most techniques) represents the essence of what remains from many years of practice. It is very concentrated stuff. Just as important is the way I put these techniques to work.

I have done readings on a regular basis for many years. Aside from a great many readings in person, I have done hundreds of written interpretations through the mail--a discipline in itself. I am quite well schooled in the various astrological techniques available. Aside from testing them in my own work, I have programmed most of them for use by other professionals on home computers. I have always been amazed to find that almost every type of technique produces results. In other words, almost every way of going at the astrological chart seems to make some sort of sense. In testing the many techniques for my own use, I have evolved a rule of thumb to determine which ones I shall follow on a regular basis.

THE TECHNIQUE MUST WORK FOR ME

AND NOT VICE VERSA

If I have to put in an hour's work to get back a tiny glimpse of meaning, I won't do it. The techniques I use, the ones I mention here, are ones that work like mad for me. This is not to say that you will find them as meaningful, but I want to assure you that the results I get using them are great in proportion to the amount of effort I put out.

I calculate at least two and sometimes three chart perspectives or dimensions for each reading. These are the heliocentric and geocentric natal charts to which I add the Local Space (azimuth and altitude, or Horizon) chart. Each of these charts is erected for the exact moment in time, but from the point of view of a different co-ordinate system. These charts give me perspective.

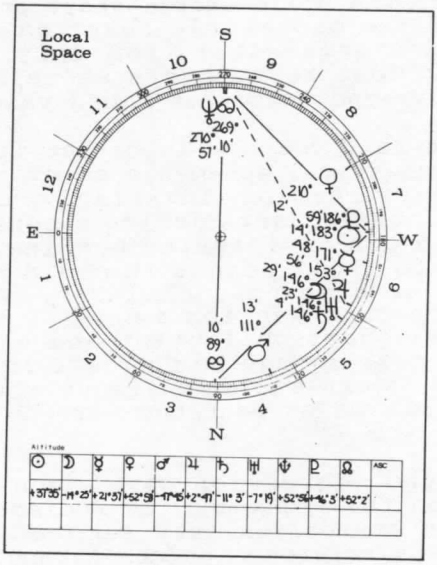
It is also very important to me that you know how my charts are drawn. I have included opposite, using myself as an example, the three types I use. As you can see, they feature the open chart wheel with zero degrees of Aries at the left: in other words, the circle of the Zodiac signs.

The positions of the planets are entered into each wheel in 360 degree and decimal notation rather than in degree-sign-minute or Zodiac notation. Please also notice that I mark the chart angles Ascendant, Midheaven, Vertex (and sometimes Equatorial Ascendant or East Point) on the outside of the chartwheel. I do not send these sensitive points across the chart as straight lines. In other words, I want the interior of my wheel left open for aspect patterns.

At this point, you may find two digressions helpful.

The first and most important of these is about the way I store my charts: chronologically by date rather than alphabetically. In other words, all of the charts I have done are stored in a series of notebooks in their chronological order. Perhaps more than any other technical point, this procedure has helped me in my practice. Let me explain why.

Since I use the 360-degree Aries wheel, it is easy for me to see the movement of the planets through the Zodiac when I store them by date. Through the years, I have added so many charts to this collection that, for most decades, I have a chart every few days--sometimes every day. This has helped me in two ways. As I turn the pages, my chart collection amounts to a visual or graphic ephemeris. By leafing through it I can watch the chart patterns change on a day-to-day basis. For any date (or



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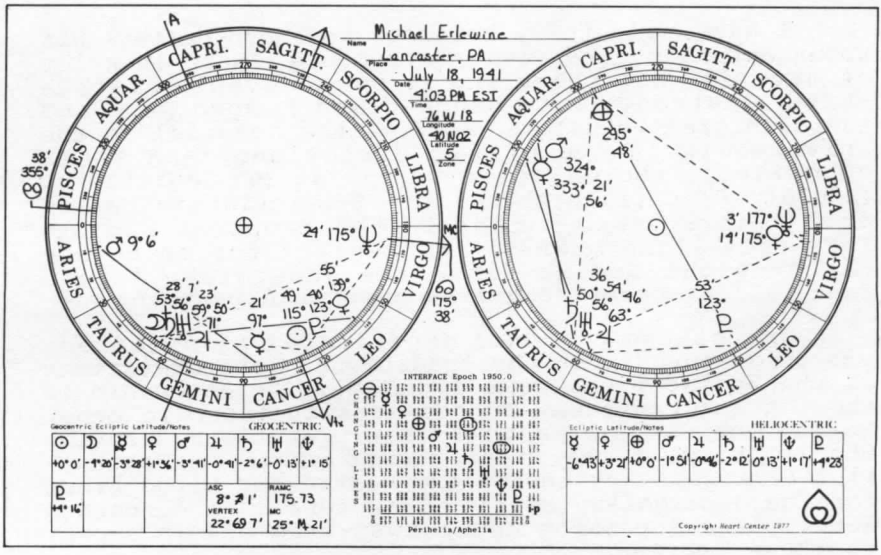


Geocentric Heliocentric

client) I have the heliocentric chart on one side of the page and the geocentric chart on the other. I have learned a great deal from this very simple arrangement. Most astrologers store their charts alphabetically--and lose this added value.

I cannot tell you how important it has been to me to have this visual ephemeris at my side during a consultation or reading. Invariably, clients will ask me about other charts during a session: charts that they had not anticipated needing, dates that just come into their heads. It could be a list of their wives or husbands, children, an important event, etc. As they mention a date, I glance in my chronological chart collection and almost always have a chart near enough to the date in question to prove of use. I can see at a glance where the planets were, what major patterns were in effect, and the like.

The second digression gives you a hint as to how I approach the signs and the Zodiac. I ceased to take the sign boundaries very seriously many years ago except as a reference point. Although I work in the tropical Zodiac, I am not locked into this arrangement. Neither do I use any of the many sidereal Zodiacs. Therefore, it is important to say a few words about what I do use.

I have made it my business to learn quite a bit about astronomy and cosmic structure. There is a lot of material out there and it is not evenly distributed. Instead, it is bunched and lumped here and there in great clusters. Most of the material in the universe is in one of two directions (and their opposites): the Galactic centre at 26° Sagittarius (roughly 0° Capricorn) and the Supergalactic centre at 1° Libra (zero Libra) in the tropical Zodiac. This fact alone makes it convenient for me to use the tropical Zodiac since the quadrature Aries-Cancer-Libra-Cacpricorn fits into this pattern.

One of the big *aha!* experiences of my career was to discover that the traditional interpretations of the Zodiac signs come from their relationship to these great centres... to cosmic structure. In other words, the common Sun-sign interpretations describe the activity of the great cosmic centres: Sagittarius-Capricorn for the Galaxy centre and Virgo-Libra for the Supergalaxy centre. Therefore I am concerned about planets passing into, away from and in aspect to these centres.

I want to point out an auxiliary rule and that is:

I USE SIMPLE

RATHER THAN COMPLEX TECHNIQUES.

Look at the tremendous amount of mapping and calculation an astrologer goes through in considering life. An average person might very well think it strange for people to do so much measuring to enjoy their lives.

In the same vein, to the mind of the average astrologer, it might seem that Uranian and other specialist go through a great amount of preparatory work. My good friend Charles Harvey in England (not a Uranian astrologer) once told me that he spent six hours doing the calculations in preparation for an interview! Not me.

The techniques that have stayed with me tend to be very simple ones involving the least number of involved minor calculations. In fact, a criticism that might be leveled at my approach is that it consists almost entirely of large, sweeping, theme-like gestures. I don't feel that the reason for this is laziness. My interest has always been in what has been called the dharma rather than the karma of an individual. Perhaps this is why I always look at a helio chart before the geo since the helio is (to me) a map of the dharma while the geo seems to map the karma. I am not an expert in oriental terminology, but let me try to differentiate these two words briefly.

Karma, as most of us know, is the onrushing set of circumstances in which each of us finds ourselves--our world set. Dharma, on the other hand, is our way or path (the track) that remains in the wake of all of the karma that surrounds us. It is what comes out in us as we burn through all kinds of karma. I feel that the longer we live and the more we get to know ourselves, the more our dharma or true self emerges. I have called this dharma our particular archetype, or the kind of individual we are.

I have been so fascinated by dharma that my interest in many of the more detailed approaches to chart interpretation available via geocentric astrology has fallen by the wayside. It is not that more detailed approaches are not worthwhile; instead, I find the dharma of any one person capable of generating any amount of detail. I prefer generating detail rather than studying it. Therefore my main interest in doing chart interpretations is intro-

ducing my clients (or myself) to the dharma of the moment. Without that insight, I find the geocentric chart a nightmare--for the most part. With the insight that dharma provides; I am able to accept and unravel the details (karma) without fear. As you can tell, I would love to tell you more about this. Here is not the place.

You will see from the charts that I draw in the Ptolemaic aspects to determine if any large patterns exist. What you can't see is that I am using colored pencils and pens. I have always been interested to learn what colours other astrologers use for different aspects, so I will list mine for you: red for squares and oppositions, green for trines and sextiles, yellow for quintiles, purple for septiles. I also mark the angles on the outside of the wheel: red for Ascendant, blue for MC and green for Vertex.

As I mentioned, I use two and sometimes three different charts: heliocentric, geocentric and Local Space.

Now we can begin. I always look first at the heliocentric chart and its aspect patterns. Although I have found most of the standard geocentric techniques also work with helio charts, I do not use them. The helio provides me with a map of the inner way or dharma for an individual--what I have termed their archetype. I have given many readings at which I never even took a peek at the geocentric chart. There was no need. Here is as good a place as any to introduce another of my rules of thumb.

NEVER GO FURTHER UNTIL YOU HAVE CLEARED

OR EXHAUSTED A PREVIOUS LEVEL.

I never volunteer information and never feel obligated to cover any particular amount of ground during a consultation. In fact, I find that the heliocentric information is quite often more than enough for the client to consider.

In a helio chart I look for large aspect patterns: a series of Ptolemaic aspects that link together to form one of the classic chart patterns (grand trine, T-cross, etc.). In fact, the bottom line for me is to determine whether the client has a T-cross in the helio or not, that is: any opposition with one or more planets square to it. A simple square will not do. I must have this quadrature type effect (or the lack of it) for my work.

For my purposes, this simple division of charts (and clients) into two types is sufficient for a beginning. My interpretation becomes at this point a procedure by which I introduce clients to their chart-type and determine whether thay have already come to grips with this information. If not, I try to help them to have a glimpse of it. If so, I try to discuss their opposite type with them.

I am not a predictive astrologer. Any future-oriented material I might provide my client (or myself) is based on the obvious extension of the present conditions into the future.

I see the role of astrologer-counselor as that of a midwife of the spirit. We are there to assist at a natural process that is already under way and in full swing. Our task is not to intervene in the natural flow but rather to make the birth easier, more meaningful.

I tend to see myself more as a welcoming committee than as a therapist of any kind. The only therapy that I might perform is akin to simple massage--here the psyche being exercised rather than the body.

This is not to say that my readings are not strenuous and full of confrontation. It all depends on what is needed. The birth process, although natural, is for many filled with pain, fears and even struggle. I find that my counseling sessions are very energetic, almost always involving some tears and other signs of feeling.

Having worked through the helio chart, there always arises some rapport and sense of self-acceptance. The next step for me is to get a fix for my client on just where he or she is in life. Now we are not talking about some eternal timeless soul or archetype but instead how that type is caught in the web of circumstances that we call day-to-day life. Bring on the geo chart.

I do not use any house system although I have experimented with several. They don't fit my first rule: the technique must work more for me than I for it. I don't get enough out of houses, so I don't use them. I do use angles, however.

In fact, the geo technique that I find most useful is the transit of Saturn as described by Grant Lewi in his book *Astrology For The Millions*. Despite the many fine articles and books on Saturn transits that have appeared in recent years, for my

money, none goes beyond what Lewi laid out so long ago.

The transits of Saturn to the chart angles describe a scenario that I have tested and found to work. I use them to give my client a picture of the landscape ahead. This can take a little or a long time depending upon which angle is being approached by Saturn and how prepared the client is for the transition. The kind of details that come from this technique never fail to be of great interest and value.

There you have a sketch of my technique. I should point out that I usually spend considerable time discussing how clients will relate with others: what kinds and types of people they will be attracted to, how the relationships will go and even what kind of marriage they can expect. The amount of time spent on this subject depends upon how important it is to the clients and how much they have come to accept themselves.

In some cases I use a third chart, that of Local Space coordinates. If the geo chart is our standard, then the helio is the macroscope and the Local Space the microscope.

How do I interpret my own chart? Here are a few thoughts, starting with my helio chart.

First of all, the absence of a T-cross-like formation and the presence of a very tight grand trine involving a number of planets is the key. It says to me that my dharma should be one of service and response to life. The grand trine in this chart involves the Earth and the famous Neptune-Uranus trine that was exact about a month after my birth. The Earth at my birth day was at the trine point (Sun-sextile point) to the Neptune-Uranus trine. This tells me that I will play a role in elaborating or presenting this particular trine (and its meaning) to the world. My talent will be conceptual.

My geo chart has a great many trines and sextiles and no T-cross. More of the same. In addition, the fact that all planets are on the western hemisphere points to a life of reception and response rather than of initiating action. My being is in receiving and modifying.

Right now Saturn is heading for my Ascendant, drawing to a close a long period involving considerable outward expression. I am in the process of consolidating my efforts, about to enter a much more

inward and learning period as Saturn crosses the Ascendant.

There you have, in a nutshell, the bare bones of the technique I use, plus a quick sketch of how I view myself. I do have more elaborate articles on the various parts of my technique, should some of you wish to go into more detail. I feel this series of articles is a great idea on the part of the editors of *Considerations* and I can't wait to read the rest of them.

SPLITTING THE SEPTENARY

--KEN GILLMAN--

EACH YEAR OF LIFE a septenary ruler (the planet ruling a particular septet of years) comes to trigger one of the natal planets. That year should be interpreted in terms of the septenary ruler coming by direction to the particular body. If, for instance, Saturn is ruler of the septenary and it comes, in the third year of the seven-year cycle, to the position of natal Venus, we can expect that the life will be effected that year in terms of: a continuing expansion of the seven-year Saturn cycle that commenced when Saturn came to the ascendant, in that there will this year be an attempt to bring out the Saturn impulse in a definite Venusian form; that is, it will affect the Venus areas of the life by causing a withdrawal from others and some austerity--you'll want to reevaluate your relationships and also your life's indulgences. If you do not do so consciously, these areas will come into prominence in a fated manner.

Within this year, as within any other, we can identify different periods during which the Saturn-stimulated Venus will express itself through each of the seven planets.

PLANETARY PARTS OF A YEAR

Instead of saying that a year consists of 365-plus days, we will define it as the Sun's 360 degree movement between consecutive birthdays. Then, 53 of these 360 can be said to be of a solar nature. In a Venus-triggered-by-Saturn-year, therefore, this period can be described in terms of a constrained Venus operating through the Sun.

Similarly, 70 of the year's 360 degrees will always be of a lunar nature, 56 will be in expressed in Mercury terms, 22 in Venus terms, 42 in Mars terms, 33 in Jupiterian terms, and 84 of the year's 360 will be expressed in Saturn terms.

TABLE 1: LENGTHS OF PLANETARY PARTS OF A YEAR

Planet	Number of Solar degrees [*1]
Sun	53
Moon	70
Mercury	56
Venus	22
Mars	42
Jupiter	33
Saturn	84
Total	360

The effects of each of these periods will depend on how the planetary ruler of the part-year is related (by aspect, sign rulership, etc.) in the natal horoscope to the year ruler (here, Venus) and to the septenary ruler (Saturn in this example). Obviously that part of the year ruled by the planet that also rules the seven-year septenary will be a most meaningful period.

SEQUENCE OF PLANETS WITHIN A YEAR

The initial part of each year will be ruled by the planet ruling the whole year, the planet that is being stimulated by the septenary ruler that year.

[*1] Firmicus Maternus...Matheseos, Jean Rhys Bram, trans. Park Ridge, New Jersey: Noyes Press, 1975. Book II, ch. 28 [The Division of the Year].

The final part of the year will be ruled by the planet that is going to rule the next whole year, the planet the septenary ruler will begin stimulating at the next birthday.

Given the above, it becomes obvious that the sequence of planetary parts within any given year has to proceed in the reverse direction from that in which the septenary ruler is being directed through the horoscope. If, as occurs in the first 49 years, the septenary ruler is moving clockwise through the horoscope then the planets indicating the various parts of the year will be sequenced anticlockwise from the planetary ruler of the year. Conversely, during the second half of life, when the septenary rulers are returning, mirror-wise, to whence they started from in the earlier half of life, moving about the horoscopic circle in an anticlockwise direction, the planetary parts of the year will occur clockwise in their sequence from the year's ruler.

An example will clarify this procedure. Let's compute these annual parts for Gandhi's first Saturn septenary rulership, the one beginning at age 21.

Refer to Table 2, on page 37.

METHOD OF CONSTRUCTING TABLE 2:

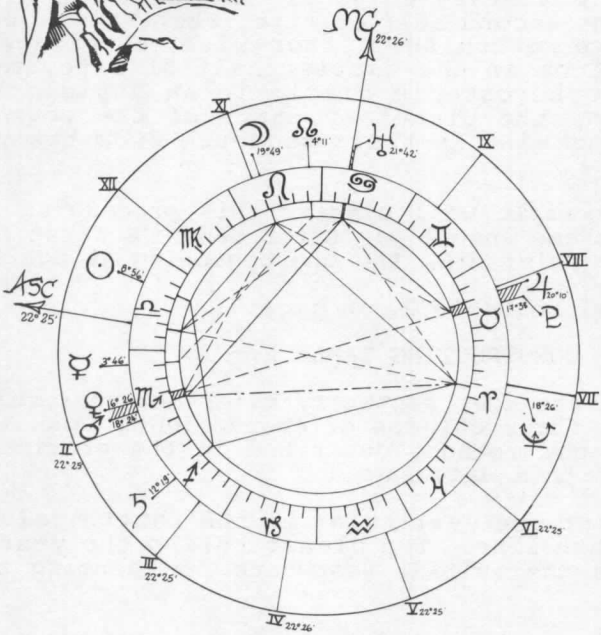
1. List the age, septenary ruler and year ruler in the first three columns of every eighth line. Obtain these by the methods described in the previous two issues of this magazine.

2. Repeat the year ruler in the fourth column of that eighth line. The planet ruling the year will also rule the initial year-part, commencing at the birthday.

3. Insert the natal Sun's degree and sign in the fifth column and the date of each consecutive year's birthday in the final column.

4. Insert the other six part-rulers in the correct sequence (they will be in the correct order if you ensure that the last ruler of each set of seven is the same as the planet that will be the following year's ruler--this will not occur in the final part of the seventh year).

5. Obtain from Table 1 the period appropriate for the planet listed in the fourth column. Insert this value in the sixth column.



EXAMPLE HOROSCOPE:

MOHANDAS K. GANDHI

02:15 U.T., 2nd October 1869

21N38, 69E37.

SEQUENCE OF PLANETS RISING:

Mercury, Venus, Mars, Saturn, Jupiter, Moon, Saturn.

TABLE 2: GANDHI--49 SPLITS WITHIN FIRST SATURN SEPTENARY

AGE	SEPTENARY RULER	YEAR RULER	YEAR PART	SUN AT START	PERIOD LENGTH	DATE y. m. d.
21	Sa	Sa	Sa	9 Li	84	1890.10. 2
			Ju	3 Cp	33	12.23
			Mo	6 Aq	70	1891. 1.25
			Su	16 Ar	53	4. 5
			Me	9 Ge	56	5.30
			Ve	5 Le	22	7.27
			Ma	27 Le	42	8.19
22	Sa	Ma	Ma	9 Li	42	10. 2
			Sa	21 Sc	84	11.12
			Ju	15 Aq	33	1892. 2. 3
			Mo	18 Pi	70	3. 7
			Su	28 Ta	53	5.17
			Me	21 Cn	56	7.12
			Ve	17 Vi	22	9. 8
23	Sa	Ve	Ve	9 Li	22	10. 2
			Ma	1 Sc	42	10.23
			Sa	13 Sg	84	12. 4
			Ju	7 Pi	33	1893. 2.24
			Mo	10 Ar	70	3.30
			Su	20 Ge	53	6.10
			Me	13 Le	56	8. 4
24	Sa	Me	Me	9 Li	56	10. 2
			Ve	5 Sg	22	11.26
			Ma	27 Sg	42	12.18
			Sa	9 Aq	84	1894. 1.28
			Ju	3 Ta	33	4.22
			Mo	6 Ge	70	5.27
			Su	16 Le	53	8. 8
25	Sa	Su	Su	9 Li	53	10. 2
			Me	2 Sg	56	11.23
			Ve	28 Sp	22	1895. 1.17
			Ma	20 Aq	42	2. 8
			Sa	2 Ar	84	3.22
			Ju	26 Ge	33	6.16
			Mo	29 Cn	70	7.21
26	Sa	Mo	Mo	9 Li	70	10. 2
			Su	19 Sg	53	12.10
			Me	12 Aq	56	1896. 1.31
			Ve	8 Ar	22	3.27
			Ma	0 Ta	42	4.18
			Sa	12 Ge	84	6. 1
			Ju	5 Vi	33	8.27
27	Sa	Ju	Ju	9 Li	33	10. 2
			Mo	12 Sc	70	11. 3
			Su	22 Cp	53	1897. 1.11
			Me	15 Pi	56	3. 5
			Ve	11 Ta	22	4.30
			Ma	3 Ge	42	5.23
			Sa	15 Cn	84	7. 6
28	Ju	Ju	Ju	2 Li	.	10. 2

6. Add the period listed in the sixth column to the Sun's position in the fifth column. Place the answer in the fifth column of the next line.

Example: on the first line of Table 2, the Sun at the start of the year was in 9 Li (9° Libra, the position of Gandhi's birthday Sun). 9 Li = 189 degrees. Add the period length (Saturn's) of 84, to obtain 273. 3 Cp has therefore been entered below on on the second line in the fifth column of Table 2.

7. Go to your ephemeris and obtain the date when the Sun occupies the degree listed in the fifth column. Insert this date in column 7. In Table 2 these dates have been listed in the sequence: year, month, day.

TABLE 3: GANDHI--PART RULERS FOR FIRST 49 YEARS

Part of the Year	Year Ruler--Planet stimulated that year by Septenary Ruler.						
	Me	Su	Mo	Ju	Sa	Ma	Ve
Me	10/ 2*	11/23	1/31	3/ 5	5/30	7/12	8/ 4
Ve	11/26	1/17	3/27	4/30	7/27	9/ 8	10/ 2*
Ma	12/18	2/ 8	4/18	5/23	8/19	10/ 2*	10/23
Sa	1/28	3/22	6/ 1	7/ 6	10/ 2*	11/12	12/ 4
Ju	4/22	6/16	8/27	10/ 2*	12/23	2/ 3	2/24
Mo	5/27	7/21	10/ 2*	11/ 3	1/25	3/ 7	3/30
Su	8/ 8	10/ 2*	12/10	1/11	4/ 5	5/17	6/10

Septenary Ruler	Year Ruler and the Year in which the above dates apply:						
	Me	Su	Mo	Ju	Sa	Ma	Ve
Me	1869	1870	1871	1872	1873	1874	1875
Ve	77	78	79	80	81	82	76
Ma	85	86	87	88	89	83	84
Sa	93	94	95	96	90	91	92
Ju	1901	1902	1903	97	98	99	1900
Mo	09	10	04	1905	1906	1907	08
Su	17	11	12	13	14	15	16
Me	18	.	.	.	.	.	.

Once Table 2 has been calculated for a single septenary, the dates obtained can be generalized for each of the years in the other septenaries, and listed as in Table 3.

Note that in the upper part of Table 3 the dates commence at the birthday, at which date the year-ruler and the Part of the Year are the same planet. These birthdays have been marked with the symbol *. The dates are then to be read down the particular column until the seventh and final line is reached. The dates then revolve around, within the same column, commencing again at the top line, to end (for that year) at the line above the * indicator.

Table 3 says, for example, that in each of the years 1869, 1877, 1885, 1893, 1901, 1909, 1917 and 1918, the planet Mercury is being triggered by a different septenary ruler. In each of these years Mercury is the year-ruler and...

each 2nd Oct to 25th Nov period affects Mercury-ruled matters,
26th Nov to 17th Dec Mercury/Venus affairs,
18th Dec to 27th Jan Mercury/Mars,
28th Jan to 21st Apr Mercury/Saturn,
22nd Apr to 26th May Mercury/Jupiter,
27th May to 7th Aug Mercury/Moon,
and 8th Aug to 1st Oct Mercury/Sun.

In Leap years these dates can be a day off.

For the second Saturn septenary in Gandhi's life, the seven years beginning at age 72 in 1941, a table similar to Table 2 should be constructed. The rules are the same except that the planetary year-parts now go in a sequence that is the reverse of the one used in the earlier septenary, In the initial--the Saturn--year of this second Saturn septenary the year-parts will therefore split in the following sequence:

1. Saturn
2. Mars
3. Venus
4. Mercury
5. Sun
6. Moon
7. Jupiter

Other years will be split similarly.

Once a single Septenary has been computed a generic table can again be constructed, similar to Table 3, This is shown in Table 4, on the next page.

TABLE 4: GANDHI--PART RULERS FOR THE SECOND HALF OF LIFE

Part of the Year	Year Ruler--Planet stimulated that year by Septenary Ruler.						
	Me	Su	Mo	Ju	Sa	Ma	Ve
Me	10/ 2*	8/ 5	6/10	3/31	2/25	12/ 5	10/24
Su	11/26	10/ 2*	8/ 8	5/27	4/22	1/29	12/19
Mo	1/17	11/23	10/ 2*	7/22	6/17	3/21	2/ 9
Ju	3/28	1/31	12/11	10/ 2*	8/28	6/ 1	4/20
Sa	5/ 1	3/ 5	1/13	11/ 4	10/ 2*	7/ 6	5/24
Ma	7/27	5/30	4/ 5	1/26	12/24	10/ 2*	8/20
Ve	9/ 9	7/13	5/18	3/ 8	2/ 3	11/13	10/ 2*

Septenary Ruler	Year Ruler and the Year in which the above dates apply:						
	Me	Su	Mo	Ju	Sa	Ma	Ve
Me	.	1919	.	.	.	.	.
Su	1921	1920	1926	1925	1924	1923	1922
Mo	29	28	27	33	32	31	30
Ju	37	36	35	34	40	39	38
Sa	45	44	43	42	41	47	46
Ma	53	52	51	50	49	48	54
Ve	61	60	59	58	57	56	55
Me	62	68	67	66	65	64	63

In the Moon years 1926, 27, 35, 43, 51, 59 & 67:

each 2nd Oct to 10th Dec period affects Moon matters,
11th Dec to 12th Jan affects Moon/Jupiter matters,
13th Jan to 4th Apr Moon/Saturn,
5th Apr to 17th May Moon/Mars,
18th May to 9th Jun Moon/Venus,
10th Jun to 7th Aug Moon/Mercury,
and 8th Aug to 1st Oct Moon/Sun.

Gandhi's death occured on 30th January 1948. From Table 4, we find that:

The Septenary Ruler was Saturn, began 1941.
The Year Ruler was Mars, began 2nd October 1947.
The Part Ruler was Sun. began 29th January 1948.

Hence we know that in Gandhi's 78th year Saturn constrained his Mars, depleting his energies. It did so in terms of the 12th house (the location of Mars when Saturn is at the ascendant), indicating this

was a year of troubles, one in which Gandhi would need to fight off illness or other attacks on the physical body. At the end of January 1948 the depleted Mars then affected the Sun, indicating the possibility of (at the least) a violent attack. Mars/Sun is, of course, a traditional indicator of "an attack by shooting".

Previously at age 54, a Mars year in the Sun's septenary, Gandhi had been attacked by appendicitis.

FINER SPLITS

Each of the seven parts of a year can in turn be split into even finer pieces, using the values listed below in Table 5:

TABLE 5: SOLAR DEGREES WITHIN EACH YEAR PART.

Type of days	Seven Year-parts						
	Su	Mo	Me	Ve	Ma	Ju	Sa
Su	8	10	8	3	6	5	13
Mo	10	14	11	4	8	6	16
Me	9	11	9	4	7	5	13
Ve	3	4	3	1	3	2	5
Ma	6	8	7	3	5	4	10
Ju	4	6	5	2	3	3	8
Sa	13	17	13	5	10	8	19
Total	53	70	56	22	42	33	84

These 49ths of a year occur in such a way that the first days will be of the same nature as the year-part containing them and the last days of the same nature as the year-part that commences next. Hence their sequence will be opposite in direction to the sequence of the seven year-parts, as in the following example (Table 6, overleaf) for Gandhi--the third and fourth year-parts that occured around his death, when he was aged 78.

TABLE 6: EXAMPLE OF USE OF PLANETARY DAYS WITHIN YEAR-PARTS.

Age	Sept Ruler	Year Ruler	Year Part	Days	Sun's Place	Length	Date
78	Sa	Ma	Me	Me	13 Sg	9	1947.12. 5
				Ve	22 Sg	3	14
				Ma	25 Sg	7	17
				Sa	2 Cp	13	24
				Ju	15 Cp	5	1948. 1. 5
				Mo	20 Cp	11	10
				Su	1 Aq	8	21
			Su	Su	9 Aq	8	29
				Me	17 Aq	9	2. 6
				Ve	26 Aq	3	15
				Ma	29 Aq	6	18
				Sa	5 Pi	13	24
				Ju	18 Pi	4	3. 8
				Mo	22 Pi	10	12
			Mo	Mo	2 Ar	14	22.

Computation of the above example table is similar to that of Table 2, but using values from Table 5.

THE HINGE YEARS

The hinge years at the 49th and 50th birthday have been included in Tables 3 and 4. The year from age 49 (1918 for Gandhi) is split into its year-parts in the same manner as were the preceding 49 years. The following year, commencing with the 50th birthday (1919), is the one in which the sequence of the day-parts reverses itself. Using Ghandi's planetary sequence, Table 7 gives the splits that occur in these two important years.

The repressive Rowlatt Acts were passed on 18th March 1919. A month later, but still in the same year-part, on 13th April 1919, the Amritsar Massacre occurred. These two events coincided with a turning point in Gandhi's life. Both occur in Gandhi's fourth part of the Mercury year. Ruperti in *Cycles of Becoming* has stated that the fourth part of any sequence of seven will be a critical time, when conflicts occur, and a choice is likely to be forced upon the person by circumstances. The Saturn year-part within the Mercury hinge year can be expected to coincide with a depression stemming from unpleasant news. These two events prompted Gandhi to concentrate deeply on the philosophical problems they

raised. He responded overtly in April of 1920 (the Saturn part of the Sun-year) with his plan of massive--but passive--resistance, a program of economic self-sufficiency: typical when Saturn is stimulated by the Sun. Of more importance to Gandhi himself, in the interval between the turning points of these two hinge years, from February 1919 to May 1920, he completely changed the direction of his life. Gandhi had always been deeply concerned with improving the lot of the down-trodden. During these two hinge years he came to realize the full extent of the problem he was facing and utterly altered his approach to its solution. More pertinently, he had to face the future of his own death in late-1918 when he was severely ill with dysentry; and saw that of his massacred people at Amritsar. He recognized the need to accelerate his efforts--his time was fast running out.

TABLE 7: GANDHI--SPLITTING THE TWO HINGE YEARS

Septenary ruler	Year ruler	Part ruler	Sun's place	Period length	Date
Me	Me	Me	9 Li	56	1918.10. 3
		Ve	5 Sg	22	11.28
		Ma	27 Sg	42	12.19
		Sa	9 Aq	84	1919 1.29
		Ju	3 Ta	33	4.24
		Mo	6 Ge	70	5.28
		Su	16 Le	53	8. 9
Me	Su	Su	9 Li	53	10. 3
		Mo	2 Sg	70	11.25
		Ju	12 Aq	33	1920.2. 2
		Sa	15 Pi	84	3. 5
		Ma	9 Ge	42	5.30
		Ve	21 Cn	22	7.13
		Me	13 Le	56	8. 5

This completes the explanation of the Septenary method. You are now in possession of all of its elements. A future article will explain how the three outer planets, Uranus, Neptune and Pluto, can be combined together with the inner seven to indicate the environment and circumstances in which the development of an individual's talents (as indicated by their growth and decline in the Septenary) will occur.

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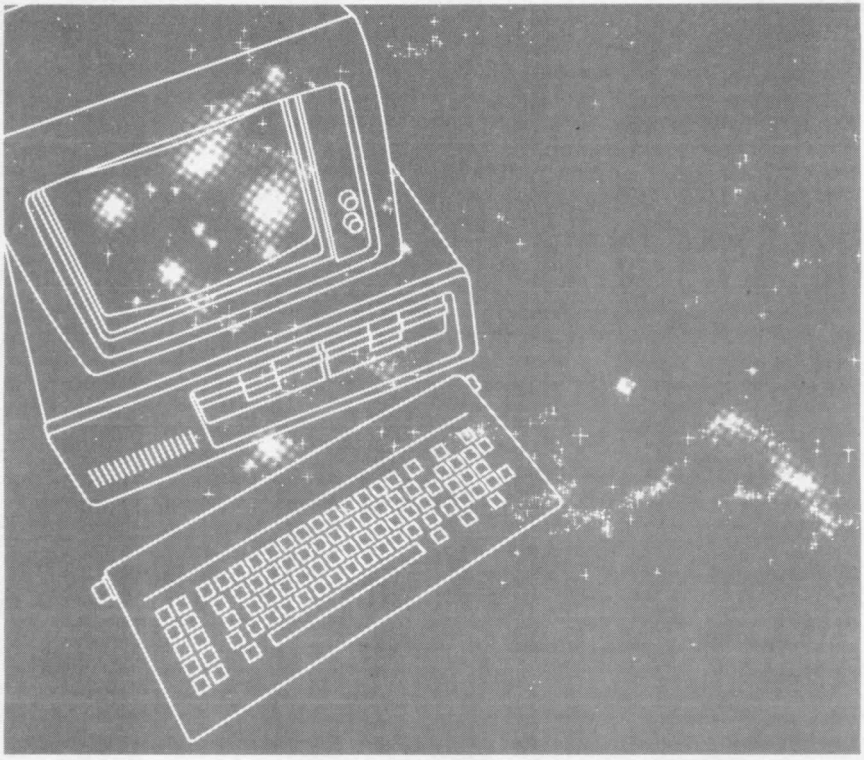

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RECTIFICATION BY PRIMARY DIRECTIONS IN THE TOPOCENTRIC SYSTEM

--MARGARET MILLARD--

RONALD REAGAN'S BIRTH TIME is not known. When he was an actor living in California, his chart was reproduced by Marc Edmond Jones with an early Cancer Ascendant. Later, after he became President, the White House gave out the information that he was born "during the small hours of the morning", around 2 a.m. and therefore his Ascendant would be in Scorpio. Some feel that Gemini (the Great Communicator) is more probable , still others prefer Aquarius, and recently I have heard that early Capricorn is favoured by some. European astrologers and some Americans favour the middle of Sagittarius, and Guy de Penguern has rectified Reagan's ascendant to 5° 30' of Sagittarius.

In fact, no one knows. I set myself the task of rectifying it by the system of primary directions [*1] according to the method of Nelson Page and Vendell Polich, and I think I have succeeded, but only because Alexander Marr, an expert in this kind of rectification, gave me a magnetic card which he had programmed for my calculator and which gives the progressed angles.

[*1] Primary directions are used here with Naibod's measure of 59'08".33 = 1 year, and the Topocentric house cusps. Both direct and converse directions are valid. Planets and angles are directed to cusps and vice versa, at the birth location.

Example: 27th November 1928 Speech.

Age = 17 years 295 days = 17.8077 years.

Primary arc = 17.8077 * 59'08".33 = 17°33'07".6

Natal RAMC = 345°31'

Natal RAMC + Primary Arc = 363°04' = 3°04'

When RAMC = 3°04' at 41N38, ascendant =22°01' Cancer (opposite natal Mercury).

Having watched Ronald Reagan on television for the past four years, I cannot believe that he has a Scorpio Ascendant. Sagittarius seems more likely. I therefore first tested the two commonly-used Sagittarius rising charts with primary directions and was unconvinced. For this method a list of dates of as many important events as possible is used. The following are those I examined:

1.	27th November 1928.	Speech to student body, in a dispute with the Administration. Reagan was the student representative of the freshman class. His speech was so convincing that the Administration caved in. He might then have realised the power of the spoken word!
2.	26th January 1940.	Married Jane Wyman.
3.	5th January 1941.	Maureen born.
4.	29th June 1948.	Divorced.
5.	19th June 1949.	Went to hospital and was in traction for months after suffering a comminuted fracture of his femur in a game.
6.	21st October 1952.	Patti born.
7.	28th July 1958.	Ron Jr. born.
8.	24th July 1962.	Mother died.
9.	7th June 1966.	Won nomination for Governor of California.
10.	6th November 1966.	Elected Governor.
11.	6th November 1970.	Re-elected.
12.	9th July 1976.	Lost Presidential nomination to Gerald Ford.
13.	26th May 1980.	Bush conceded.
14.	4th November 1980.	Won Presidential election.
15.	20th January 1981.	Inaugurated President.
16.	30th March 1981.	Assassination attempt.
17.	25th October 1983.	Ordered invasion of Grenada.

PRIMARY DIRECTIONS FOR EVENTS.

EVENT #	DATE Y/M/D	AGE (YEARS)	PRIMARY ARC	ASPECT	NATAL RAMC GIVEN
1.	28.11.27	17.81	17°33'	Asc D 180° Me	345°31'
2.	40. 1.26	28.97	28°33'	X1 D 120° Me	345°26'
3.	41. 1. 5	29.91	29°29'	II D 60° Sa	345°30'
4.	48. 6.28	37.39	36°51'	X1 D 30° Sa	345°33'
5.	49. 6.19	38.37	37°49'	None	
6.	52.10.21	41.71	41°06'	X1 D 120° Ve	345°31'
7.	58. 7.28	47.47	46°47'	X1 D 30° Me	345°29'
8.	62. 7.24	51.46	50°43'	Asc C 45° Pl X1 D 30° No	345°27' 345°26'
9.	66. 6. 7	55.33	54°32'	MC D 0° Ne	345°31'
10.	66.11. 6	55.75	54°57'	III D 0° Ft	345°32'
11.	70.11. 6	59.75	58°53'	MC D 90° Su	345°34'
12.	76. 7. 9	65.42	64°29'	Asc D 150° Mo	345°32'
13.	80. 5.26	69.30	68°18'	None	
14.	80.11. 4	69.74	68°45'	MC D 120° Ur	345°28'
15.	81. 1.20	69.96	68°57'	None	
16.	81. 3.30	70.14	69°08'	XII C 150° Ur XII D 150° Ma	345°35' 345°33'
17.	83.10.25	72.72	71°40'	Asc D 120° Ma	345°31'

Abbreviations in Aspect column:

D = Direct, C = Converse. XI, XII, II, III are Topocentric cusps. Directed aspects are given in degrees. The natal planet aspected is indicated by the first two letters of its name, the single unusual abbreviation is Ft = Fortuna.

Fourteen events, out of the seventeen examined, make it pretty conclusive that the natal RAMC is 345°31', give or take a minute or so, which corresponds to a natal Ascendant of 7°19' Cancer.

RONALD W. REAGAN

RECTIFIED NATAL HOROSCOPE

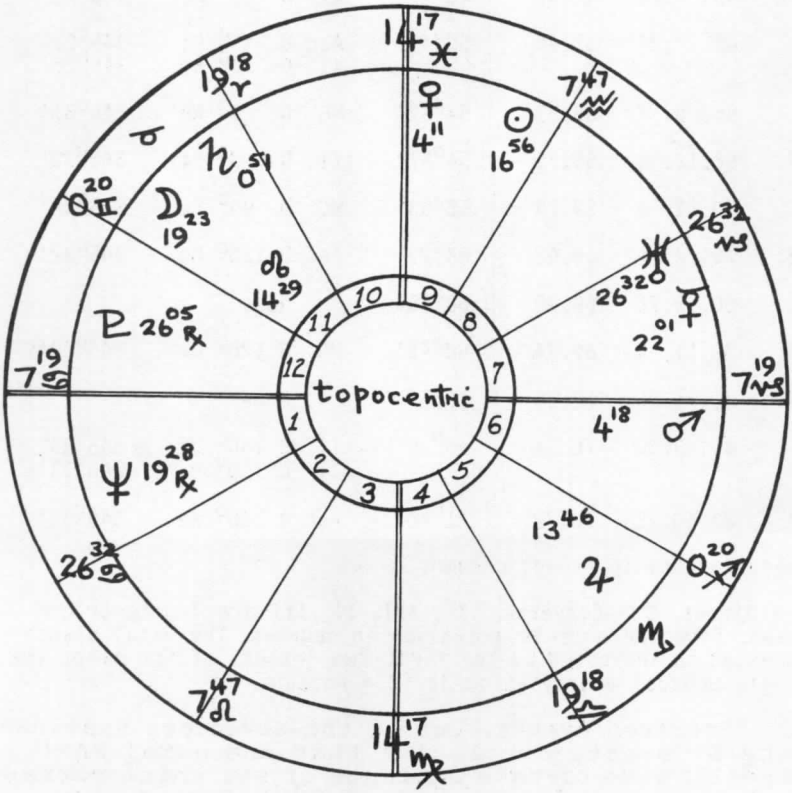
6th FEBRUARY 1911

13:58 CST, 19:58 UT

Tampico, Illinois: 41N38, 89W47.

RAMC 345°31'

Tropical. Topocentric.



Primary directions should only be considered operative within an orb of three arc minutes.

There was no primary direction effective for Reagan's 1981 inauguration.

And next January? There are no primary directions operative for either 20th January 1985 or for the election date of 6th November 1984. This is rather surprising.

THE ASCENDANT LUNAR

Another discovery by Alexander Marr is that the Ascendant Lunar for the month is indicative of events of the month. This chart is calculated in the same way as a common lunar return, but instead of the Moon returning to its natal place, the return is calculated for the conjunction or opposition of the transit Moon with the natal Ascendant. Precession is added (or subtracted in the case of the equally valid converse Lunars). The return is calculated for the place of residence.

In the absence of any primary directions for the next presidential inauguration on 20th January 1985, I therefore set up Reagan's appropriate Ascendant Lunar chart, for the time when the Moon is opposite the natal Ascendant. This, together with the Ascendant Lunar operative for the 1981 inauguration, is shown on the next page.

Is the January 1985 chart a preview of inauguration or is it the last hurrah of a popular President? It has none of the signatures of victory and I do not think Ronald W. Reagan will be re-elected.

RONALD W. REAGAN

ASCENDANT LUNAR

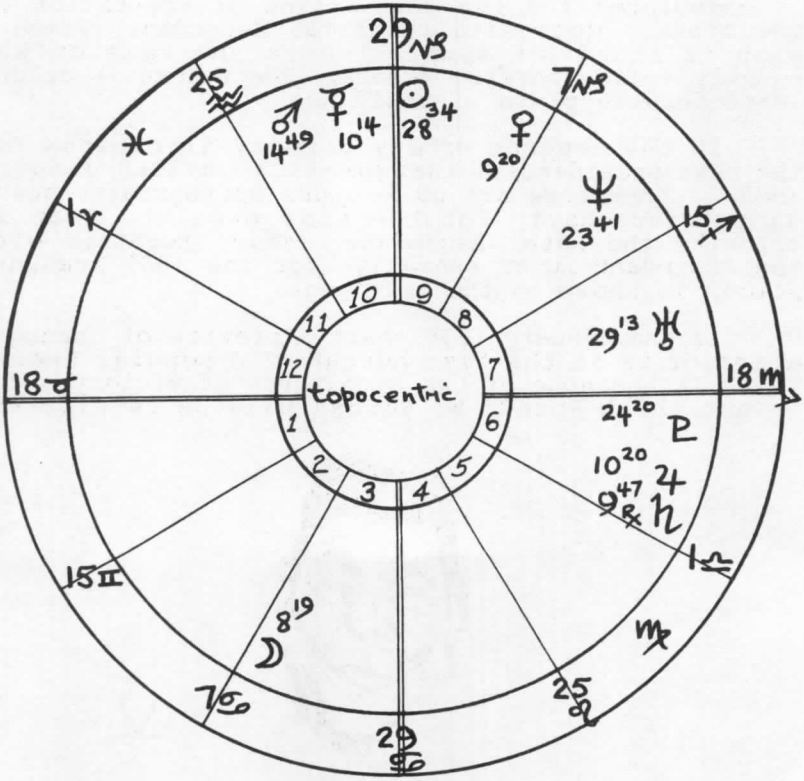
BEFORE 1981 PRESIDENTIAL INAUGURATION

18th January 1981

17:21:28 UT

Washington, D.C.: 38N54 77W02

TransitMoon = Natal Ascendant + Precession
= 8°19' Cancer



RONALD W. REAGAN

ASCENDANT LUNAR

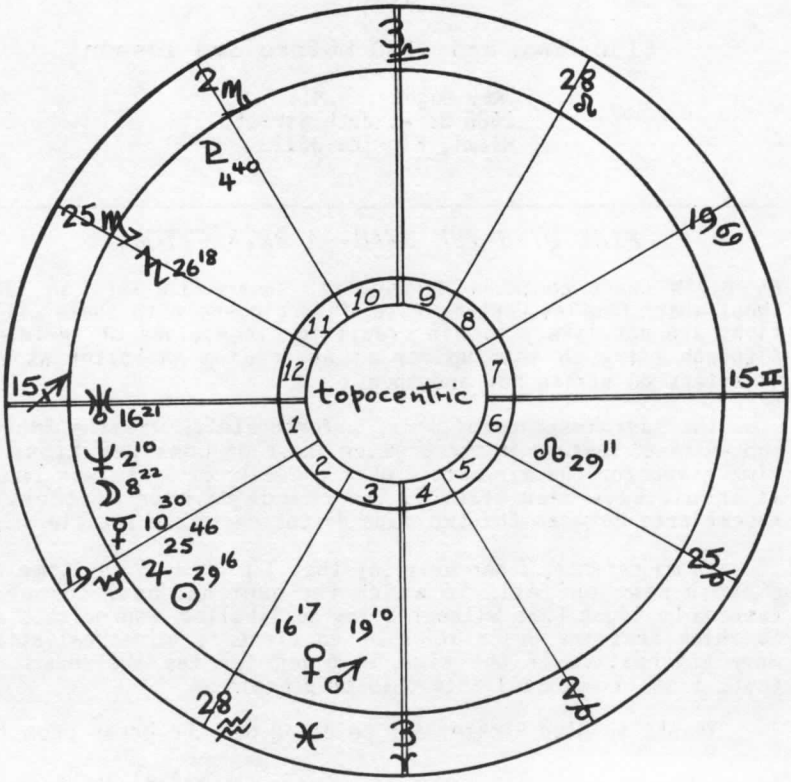
BEFORE 1985 PRESIDENTIAL INAUGURATION

19th January 1985

09:25:50 UT

Washington, D.C.: 38N54 77W02

Transit Moon = Natal Descendant + Precession
= 8°22' Capricorn



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FIRE OVER THE SEAS--A RETRACTION.

My birth chart contains Mercury semisquare Jupiter, an aspect about which Charles Carter wrote: "astrologers with these afflictions are not likely to win credit for themselves or their art". Although I try to make up for it by drawing on better aspects, disasters do strike now and then.

The last instance of this, unfortunately, was the "Mundane Look-Alikes" feature in the premier issue of **Considerations.** The time given for the air battle over the Gulf of Sirte was 1:20 UT. It should have been 5:20 UT. The change of hour destroys the resemblance between the two maps discussed in the article.

In my defence, I can only say that I picked up the time from a radio news bulletin in which the hour had been changed to Eastern Daylight Time without being so labelled. Journalists seem to think that the description of an event is more realistic or more informative if the time is given for the audience's home town. I shall not fall into this trap again.

Thanks to Alan Richter for pointing out the error promptly.

--Axel Harvey,
La Macaza, Quebec.

RECTIFICATION WITHOUT TEARS

--KAY HUGHEY, P.M.A.F.A.--

VENUS AND THE ARC OF MARRIAGE

Subject: Ronald W. Reagan, President of the United States.

Birth date: 6th February 1911

Time of birth: Unknown. Ten years ago, in a letter to an astrologer, President Reagan wrote that he was "born in the pre-dawn hours".

Birth location: Tampico,Illinois: 41N27 89W42.

Event: Marriage to Jane Wyman on January 25, 1940.

Age at event: 28 years 11 months 19 days.

To obtain the Arc of Marriage:

1. Count each year as a degree.
2. Count each month as 5'.
3. Count each set of 6 days as 1'.

Hence for Reagan, the Arc of Marriage is $28^{o}58'$

Obtained by 28 years = 28 * 1° = 28°
11 months = 11 * 5' = 55'
19 days = 19/6 = 3'

In this case, subtract the Arc of Marriage from the position of Venus. If this provides an Ascendant that agrees with the information provided about the birthtime and also agrees with your understanding of the person concerned, no further rectification rules are needed.

Position of Venus = 3°48' Pisces
Arc of Marriage = 28°58'

Rectified ascendant = 4°50' Aquarius

If you do not own a computer, you will need to do a few charts to get the correct time of birth from this Ascendant. One very useful aid is Ernest Grant's *Tables of Midheavens and Ascendants*. The following instructions assume that this book, or a similar one, is being used. If you look up the day of Reagan's birth, February 6th, in the tables, you will find that the information given for the following day, February 7th, is nearer to the ascending degree we require. Birth latitude was 41W27 geocentric, so look under 40° LAT. at the top right of the page. Go down the page until you come to the glyph for Aquarius. Across from 07:00 on the left-hand side of the page, we find 15° Aquarius. Directly above this line is 26° Capricorn. We want somewhere in between for an Ascendant of 4°50' Aquarius.

WORKSHEET

President Ronald Reagan
6th February 1911
Tampico, Illinois

Lat : 40N27 Geocentric
Long: 89W42 = time zone 6

Ascendant wanted = 4°50' Aquarius

6:36 A.M. CST (birthtime guessed at before dawn)
6 + zone CST

12:36:00 GMT = 4 Aq 41 Asc.
12:36:20 GMT = 4 Aq 47 Asc.
12:36:25 GMT = 4 Aq 49 Asc.
12:36:27 GMT = 4 Aq 49 Asc.
12:36:28 GMT = 4 Aq 50 Asc.

Hence the rectified time of President Reagan's birth is 12:36:28 UT or 6:36:28 CST.

PRESIDENT REAGAN: DELINEATION

Ascendant and Sun in Aquarius: the individuality and personality are identical. Life is in his hands and he is also a victim of fate. He is exactly what he seems to be. This placement gives a rugged sort of handsomeness, casual and free. Anything another does or says, he will readily understand. Nothing shocks him. He is a true humanitarian.

PRESIDENT RONALD W. REAGAN

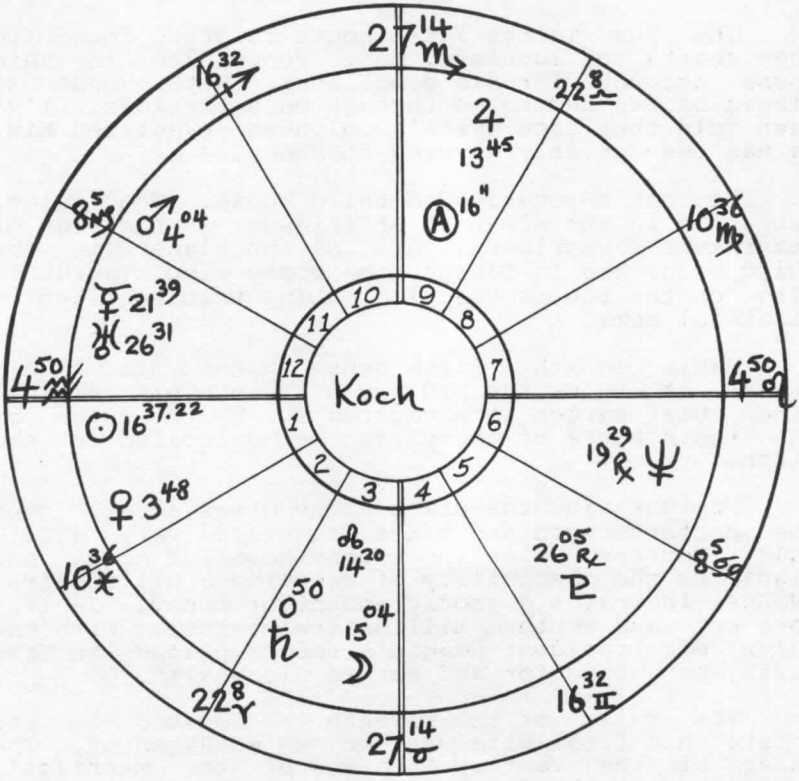
6th FEBRUARY 1911

Tampico, Illinois: 41N27 89W42

Born "Pre-Dawn Hours" (Dawn at 7:15 A.M.)

Rectified using Venus and Arc of Marriage

6:36:28 CST
12:36:28 GMT



(There are more rules for Venus in various positions in a chart. They vary--some are plus and some are minus, and there are several other rules but they are all very simple to follow.)

The combination of Sun in Aquarius and Moon in Taurus, puts him in the executive group. Those with the Moon in Taurus will accumulate money eventually. He has an efficient mind, reasonable and logical: all the qualities to make a good executive--so don't take that "actor stuff" too seriously. He memorizes easily, very quickly. He is scornful of convention. He is a lover of peace and will use all of his tact and graciousness to avoid a quarrel. In his quiet way, he usually gets what he wants. He has learned not to force issues, he is willing to wait to win. He doesn't go out of his way for people--they seek him. His executive ability has always found an outlet. When he was still in show business he worked, as head of the Screen Actors' Guild, for the poor actor and secured him residuals.

The Sun in the first house is often found in the charts of succesful men. Venus also in this house accounts for his good looks. With Venus in Pisces he has had to go through much for love. I've been told that Jane Wyman's coldness devastated him. He has been utterly devoted to Nancy.

He has an overloaded third house. The ruler, Mars, is in the eleventh of friends, in the sign of government, Capricorn. All of the planets in the third house are in Taurus, the money sign. Taurus is also on the fourth cusp indicating that he likes a beautiful home.

Pluto in the fifth house makes him highly sexed. It rules the Midheaven, hence his original "show biz" career is accounted for by the ruler of the tenth house of occupation being located in the fifth.

Neptune in the sixth house draws a veil over the doctor's eyes and makes diagnosis very difficult. Neptune rules the second house of money and signifies the possibility of becoming a millionaire. (Venus indicates a goodly amount of money, Jupiter more so, and Neptune millionaire status). With the ruler of President Reagan's second placed in the sixth, he worked for and earned his wealth.

The ruler of the seventh is located in the first: his first wife was her own worst enemy. The ruler of the tenth, "the end of the marriage", positioned in the fifth is quincunx Uranus denoting the divorce.

The ruler of the eighth house in the twelfth conjunct Uranus indicates a sudden end to the life.

The ruler of the ninth rules the second wife as well as travels abroad, etc. Venus, the ninth house ruler, is at the midpoint of Mars and Fortuna, showing the success of this marriage. Venus at this Mars-Fortuna midpoint means a "harmonious sex expression, rich perceptive faculties and feelings... Creative, artistic activity. Procreation caused by love...fortunate decisions in love and marriage." [*1] With Jupiter placed in the ninth house, his second wife brought happiness and money to the marriage. Jupiter's conjunction with the South Node also brought sorrows, through friends.

It has already been mentioned that the ruler of the tenth is placed in the fifth house of show business. We must, however, remember that the fifth is also the house of our "brain children" and that the planet involved, Pluto, is powerful in Gemini trine the Sun. The quincunx aspect from Mercury and Uranus in Capricorn has brought problems.

Jupiter, ruler of the eleventh, is in the ninth. He and Nancy have certainly had many international friends. With Mars positioned in the eleventh, there has been loss of friends due to arguments or differences. Nevertheless Mars is the ruler of the third house and the President's brother has always been close to him and a worker for him.

Mercury is in the twelfth and rules the fifth. His children have caused him sorrow. Uranus, ruling the ascendant and placed in the twelfth conjunct Mercury, gives him very original ideas which he uses "behind the scenes" in government (Uranus is in the sign of government, Capricorn).

Sun in Aquarius: he gets a thrill out of helping others get what they want, but is interested mostly in those people who are willing to help themselves.

Moon in Taurus gives him a gentle disposition. He is self-reliant, determined and kind. He attracts the good things of life. He is extremely practical, and always good-natured.

Mercury in Capricorn gives him a penetrating, thoughtful disposition. He would have made agood

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[*1] Reinhold Ebertin: The Combination of Stellar Influences. Trans. Dr. Alfred Roosedale, Ebertin-Verlag, Aalen, Germany.
The interpretation used here is the one Ebertin gives for Venus = Mars/Jupiter.

detective, having the ability to search out and discover secrets in a most uncanny manner.

Venus in Pisces: his response to emotional stimuli is a lot deeper than he is able to get across to those he loves. He gets real joy in doing things for his loved ones. His judgement of people is always good because he relates too frequently on a simple emotional level. He needs to learn that others are not always quite as honourable as he is himself.

The Capricorn Mars is in the eleventh. This placement indicates the problems he has with others. He has disagreements with others, about whom, under the Piscean-Venus influence, his own devotion had previously often blinded him. The Capricorn Mars, however, makes controlled action and speech come naturally. He is a born leader, possessing the first requisite of leadership--control of himself.

Jupiter is in Scorpio. He relates opportunity to deep needs and is generally successful because he cannot be easily diverted from his goal. This is a good placement for getting and spending money. His success is related to his certainty of each step he takes and his confidence in his own abilities.

Saturn in Taurus presents the simplest and most direct instinct for self-preservation. Saturn rules his twelfth of hospitals and is conjunct his Fortuna. What luck that gave him! He was very near to death after the assassination attempt. This same Saturn position indicates that he is conservative in his finances and that he rarely gambles.

Neptune is in Cancer. He has a great deal of intuition which makes his relationship with other people pleasant. He puts people at their ease. He has a true understanding of their values.

Uranus is in Capricorn. The wilful traits of those born with this placement are carefully held in reserve, to be released at the proper time in order to obtain assured results. Someone with this will be outstanding in the world of matter, although they are hardened by their lack of feeling for those they affect. President Reagan feels compelled to excel in the world of appearances in the vain hope of attaining the greatest goal.

Pluto in Gemini makes him imaginative and ambitious, with an eye for anything novel that can be useful for people in general. He is able to capitalize on an innate talent for seeing things and knowing the public taste in advance. The effect of

Pluto is cathartic. When badly aspected in the natal horoscope, it can be devastatingly harmful. Its location in the fifth house can be related to his separation from the children of both his first marriage and his second. With Mercury, ruler of his fifth, placed in the twelfth conjunct Uranus the effect could hardly have been otherwise! He managed to persuade his second daughter to make up with her mother before the 1980 election, for appearances sake.

PRESIDENT REAGAN'S PROGRESSED 1984 HOROSCOPE

Worksheet

Longitude	89W42	birthplace
	77W01	location (Washington, D.C.)
	12°41'	difference

Multiply degrees by 4' and minutes by 4" to get the 50'44" correction

Movement was east from birthplace, so this correction is added to the birthtime to obtain the relocated time of birth.

Birth time (rectified):	6:36:28	A.M.
	+50:44	correction
	+5:00:00	time zone (D.C. is EST)
	12:27:12	GMT

The progressed horoscope for 1984 is illustrated on page 60.

The solar eclipse of 30th May 1984 falls on the progressed Ascendant, at 9°48' Gemini. By progression the ascendant has moved into the natal fourth house. There are no progressed planets occupying 9° of any sign that will directly aspect this ascending degree but 9°48' is only 12' away from 10°, the location of the progressed lunar nodes.

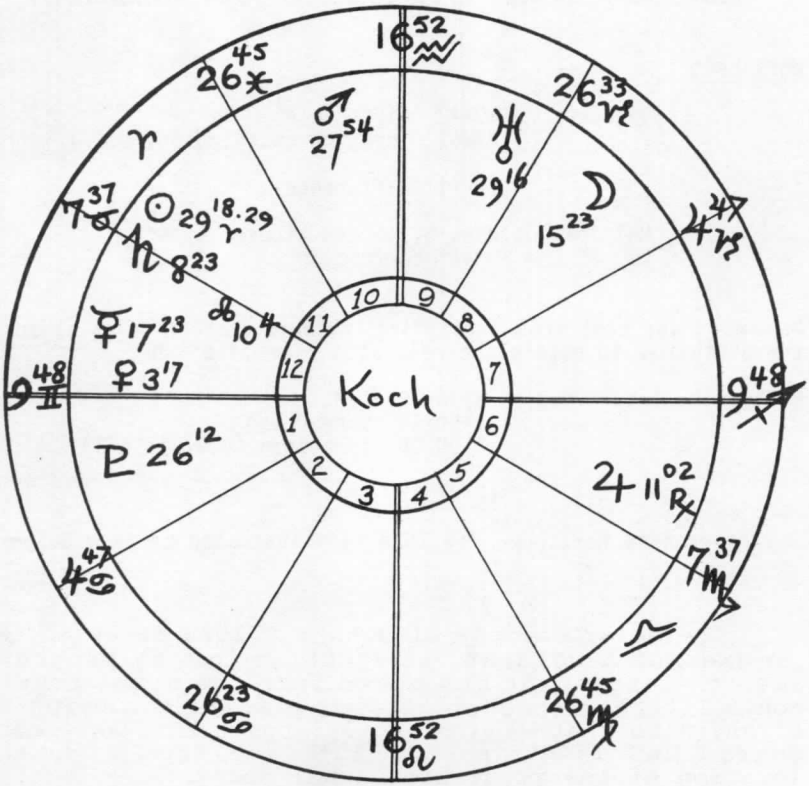
Barbara Watters, the famous Washington D.C. astrologer, discovered that when a planet came to the same degree as that occupied by the lunar nodes a fatality was indicated. Over the years I have found this to be a most reliable indicator. The Ascendant relates to the person himself and when progressed into the fourth house it means the "end of the matter" for that person, when it is also aspecting the nodes.

PRESIDENT RONALD W. REAGAN

PROGRESSED HOROSCOPE FOR FEBRUARY 6,1984

12:27:12 GMT

38N50, 77W01



New Moon on 1st May 1984: 10°57' Taurus = Progressed Nodes.

Solar Eclipse on 30th May 1984 = Progressed Ascendant.

The progressed Moon is the most important planet in the progressed horoscope because it *times* the predicted events. Eclipses, new and full Moons, and the progressed planets themselves are the most reliable sources for predicting the future. The meaning of the transits will then be added to these--but no advanced astrologer will rely on transits alone to predict the future.

Moving the progressed ascendant at an average rate of 5' each month, the lacking 12' from its aspect to the Nodes are made up in April/May, 1984. It is at this time that we can expect President Reagan to be in danger. You must realize that he is actually in danger most of the time--there are always *crazies* following him, who never get past the guards, or almost never.

Note the progressed Mars at 27° Aquarius. It is square natal MC at 27° Scorpio, indicator of his occupation. He will be vulnerable throughout all of this year because of this aspect.

Note also that the progressed Sun has moved 72° 41' on from its natal position (316°37' to 389°18'). The addition of this progressed solar arc to the natal positions of the Moon and its North Node also brings these bodies to 27°. These solar progressions are in Cancer, in the natal sixth house of health. The emphasis on 27° is very critical.

To know when any progressed aspect will take place, the progressed Moon must make a *like* aspect, one similar to the meaning of the major progressed aspect. As progressed Mars is square to natal MC, the progressed Moon's aspect must be a square or an opposition.

In the 6th February 1984 progressed chart, the Moon is at 15°10' Capricorn in the twelfth house. Progressing at approximately 1° each month, it does not arrive at a fatal degree until 12 months have elapsed, at which time it will be at 27° Capricorn opposite the progressed (solar arc) North Node. Remember Barbara Watters' observation, at this time the progressed Moon will be in the same degree as a Node.

Mars, the major progressing body, can signify both a gun or any sharp cutting instrument, such as the surgeon's knife.

The lunar timing takes us to February-March of 1985, which is President Reagan's real danger period, shortly after his inauguration.

Progressed MC, at 16° Aquarius, is conjunct natal Sun, ruler of his natal seventh house. Ironically the seventh rules not only his wife but also his enemies. An assassin is, however, represented by the twelfth house ruler, Saturn.

The progressed Sun, at 29° Aries, is in the natal third house--*close to home* or in the neighbourhood, near to the White House.

There is an old adage in astrology that 29° means *tears to shed.* It is very reliable. Any year that a progressed planet is at 29°, you may always count on this working. Besides the progressed Sun, the progressed Uranus (ruler of both natal Sun and ascendant) is also at 29°.

In President Reagan's progressed horoscope Aries is intercepted as the ruler of the eleventh house. This is the house in a mundane chart that rules the Vice President. The progressed Sun at 29° Aries in the eleventh house indicates Vice President Bush, as well as the President's friends, shedding tears. The ruler of the eleventh is Mars in the tenth house of the Presidency, which shows that Vice President Bush will succeed Reagan as President. Bush will make a very successful President. He was previously head of the CIA, and will have the clout necessary to handle both Congress and the Senate.

Since the progressed Sun ruling the seventh house of the wife, is in 29° we must expect that she will shed tears over him also.

When a planet is located in an intercepted sign its effect will be delayed. The interception of the progressed Sun in Aries tells us there will be a delay in some solar event during the year. As the Sun is in 29° there will be tears to shed over this delayed event. At the same time we note that the Sun rules the progressed fourth, the *end of the matter.*

Progressed Mars in the tenth is at 27° Aquarius, the same degree as progressed (solar arc) Moon and North Node, at 27° Cancer. As it is in the same degree as the Nodes, the *indian mark* has been truly placed on Mars.

The ruler of the progressed tenth house of the Presidency is Uranus at 29°. It is stationary, about to turn retrograde, warning of an important change during the year. The ruler of the progressed chart, Mercury is also stationary-going-retrograde, which informs us that the change concerns the President himself.

THE PART OF ASSASSINATION

President Reagan's Part of Assassination is located at 16°11' Scorpio. This Part is calculated as follows:

Ascendant + Ruler 12th - Neptune.

By solar arc progression (arc= 72°31') we come to 28°42' Capricorn. The progressed Part of Assassination is therefore just 18' short of the important 29°. Using the previously stated relationship between minutes of arc and months, 18'/5 = 3 months.

We therefore know that three months after the progressed birthday of February 6, 1984 the Part of Assassination will be at 29° Capricorn, coming to conjunct progressed Uranus, ruler of the natal horoscope, and square progressed Sun.

Formerly I only used the Part of Assassination in the charts of politicians. Last year, however, a local airline pilot was shot and killed by his wife's lover. I had known these people years ago. Had I brought his chart up-to-date perhaps I could have saved his life. Now I put the Part of Assassination in all charts. These are perilous times.

VALUE OF PROGRESSIONS

You will note that the above predictions have been made without any use being made of transits. I was trained by the Heindels of Rosicrucian fame, who taught us to predict the coming year using progressions only. One should not look at the current ephemeris until after one's predictions were made.

Whenever I have a new student who is accustomed to using just transits for prediction, I bring out a famous person's horoscope and ask what happened on a particular date. No one has yet been able to predict a well known event. This is how my students discover the value of progressions.

Astrology can be so simple when we know how to read what it is trying to tell us. I have been in astrology over fifty years and every chart fascinates me.

DATA, ETCETERA

18th April 1983

* 13:05 UT; Beirut, Lebanon: 33N53 35E30.

Car-bomb exploded just outside American embassy, demolishing the building. A pro-Iranian group, Islamic Jihad (Holy War) claimed responsibility for the bombing. 63 killed, including 17 Americans.

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13th February 1984

* 15:57 UT; Moscow: 55N45 37E37.

Public announcement by the Communist Party Central Committee of their selection of Konstantin Ustinovitch **Chernenko** to succeed Yuri Vladimirovich **Andropov** as leader of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics.

The changing of the guard at the Kremlin occurred with an elevated Moon, opposing Jupiter, at the midpoint of the Sun and the Mars-Saturn conjunction. The event's Midheaven is at the Neptune-Pluto midpoint. Neptune semi-squares the Mars-Saturn conjunction and exactly (to the minute) parallels the lunar node. Bring Jupiter to the Ascendant by oblique ascension and the Mars-Saturn conjunction will culminate.

Chernenko's aspects:

Event Uranus conjunct progressed Sun,
Node opposite progressed New Moon.

Aspects to the USSR chart:

Event Midheaven opposes radix Venus (11'),
Ascendant squares radix Jupiter (44').

The close Mars-Saturn conjunction, on the USSR's Sun-Mercury conjunction and square its Saturn-Uranus opposition, significantly completes a grand cross in the fixed signs.

To confirm that this is a radical moment, we note that in the USSR radix (20:35 UT, 7th November 1917, 59N56 30E15) the Moon separates by 47° from the rising Pluto. At the moment of the announcement of Chernenko's rise to power the Moon was just 133° away from the Sun in the sky, and...

Event Moon opposed natal Pluto, orb 2° 14',
Sun opposed natal Moon, orb 2° 13'.

The significance of this Chernenko-leadership chart should become apparent next November. The lunar eclipse of 8th November opposes Saturn, and the solar eclipse of the 22nd is opposite the Midheaven. Before then, however, we can expect to observe a Russian triumph coinciding with the solar eclipse at the end of May occurring at the place of the USSR's natal Jupiter.

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29th February 1984

* 15:00 UT; 45N25.5 75W42

Resignation of Pierre Elliott **Trudeau,** the Canadian prime minister who has been in power longer than any other democratic statesman. The long-awaited, definite resignation was read over the telephone to the president of the Liberal party at the time stated. Trudeau reached his decision the previous evening, during a solitary walk in a snowstorm, sometime before turning in at midnight. "I went to see if there were any signs of my destiny in the sky," he told reporters. "There were only snowflakes."

Birth data: 18th October 1919; "near sunrise", Montreal or Outremont: close to 45N31 73W35.

A birth time of 7:03 EDT with an Ascendant of 21° 09' Libra was published in **Charting Canada** by Shelagh Kendal and Brian Clark (1982). A few years ago we rectified Trudeau's time to 11:45.4 UT (7:45.4 EDT) with an Ascendant of 29° 08' Libra. We have not met anyone who disagrees with an Ascendant in the third decan of Libra.

Gossip would have it that he is a closet astrologer. He is said to have remarked, when someone asked about his birth data, "I make my own horoscopes, as I can't suffer other people making them for me." But sarcasm has never been far from his lips.

Still, it is interesting to recall that the swearing-in ceremony, when he first became prime minister, was unaccountably brought forward from Monday. 22nd April 1968, at 14:30 EST, to Sunday, 20th April, at 11:30 EST, with less than a day's warning. Was there an astrological motive? Probably not. It would take a foolhardy astrologer to elect a Midheaven in Aries so close to a debilitated Saturn, and with its lord Mars debilitated in Taurus. For those who would like to make up their own minds, the Parliament buildings in Ottawa are situated at 45N25.5 75W42.

Trudeau has been in office since 1968 except for the brief Conservative government of Joe Clark, which lasted from May 1979 to February 1980. While out of power he resigned the leadership of his party (21st November 1979) but the defeat of the Clark budget in Parliament (13th December 1979) made it impossible for the Liberals to choose a new leader.

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2nd March 1984

* 06:37 UT, Manhattan, New York: 40N40 73W58.

Baby girl born to model Jerri Hall. The father is singer Mick Jagger of the Rolling Stones (born 04:30 UT, 26th July 1943: 51N27 00E12).

Source: Ms. M. Parris, administrator of Lenox Hill hospital.

Uranus rises, square the Sun, close to the 16° Sagittarius Ascendant. Both Sun and Moon are in Pisces, twelve hours before the new moon. All planets are in the eastern half of the chart. Moon is close to Mercury: they sextile Jupiter and trine Pluto. Neptune is at the midpoint of the unsavory Venus-Saturn square.

* On this day the Moon was further away from the Earth than it has been since 775 A.D.

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28th March 1984

* 22:15 UT, Newberry, South Carolina: 34N15 81W40.

Touch-down of the first of two dozen tornadoes that devastated a 300-mile arc through the Carolinas during a six-hour period. 60 persons killed, over 1,000 injured and 3,000 left homeless--the highest death toll from tornadoes in the US since April 1974.

To gain an understanding of this event: compute the horoscope of the event in the normal manner. Then multiply the longitude of the Ascendant and each planet by 13, and place the resulting positions (modulus 360) in a chart with equal houses from the new Ascendant. This is the Duodecatemorion chart, a tool without which no self-respecting Greek or Roman astrologer of classical times would dream of interpreting a horoscope.

In this chart of the 13th Harmonic (today's new name for an ancient horoscopy tool) Uranus exactly rises joined by Saturn and Jupiter. Saturn is exactly (to the minute!) square the culminating Moon; Sun opposite Neptune, square Venus; Pluto is square the Moon-Midheaven midpoint.

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31st March 1984

* 19:00 UT, Beirut, Lebanon: 33N53 35E30.

End of multinational peace-keeping force in Lebanon, when the last French soldier left.

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13th April 1984

* 10:55 UT, Wiggins, Colorado: 40N14 104W04.

Fatal head-on rail crash. Westbound train from Chicago ran through a red warning signal at over 50 m.p.h. and crashed head-on into the stationary eastbound freight from Denver. 5 killed.

* 20:00 UT; Montreal, Quebec: 45N31 73W35.

Pete Rose made his 4,000th hit in major league baseball, becoming the only player to do so since Ty Cobb, whose career spanned the first quarter of this century. Media were quick to note that the exploit occurred one day after Rose's 43rd birthday; 21 years to the day after his first hit in a major league game; a week after his marriage.

Pete Rose was born 14th April 1941, in Cincinnati, Ohio: 39N06 84W31. The data given in The Gauquelin Book of American Charts: 05:45 Eastern War Time on 12th April 1942, is wrong. If the stated hour is to be trusted it would be Standard in 1941, not Wartime: hence 10:45 UT.

Event Saturn 14° 31' Scorpio, retrograde, opposite Rose's natal Saturn around 14° 54' Taurus.

Source: Montreal Expos Baseball Club and media.

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17th April 1984

* 10:30 UT (approx.), St. James's Square, London: 51N31 00W07.

Machine gun fired from window of Libyan Embassy raked a peaceful crowd of seventy persons paraded in front of the building. The crowd was demonstrating against the government of Muammar el-Qaddafi. Policewoman Yvonne Fletcher was killed, eleven Libyan dissidents were wounded.

Moon, within the Mars-Saturn conjunction, is sesquiquadrate Midheaven. Pluto squares Ascendant.

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20th April 1984

* 14:50 UT, Zelezna Ruda, Czechoslovakia: 49N10 13E15.

US two-man Cobra helicopter that had flown into Czech airspace fired at by Soviet-built Mig-21 fighter planes, then escorted back into West Germany. Helicopter was seen to cross the border at 14:37 UT: 49N07 13E14.

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22nd April 1984

* 01:41 UT, Colorado Springs, Colorado: 38N50 104W49.

Emergency landing of United Airlines jumbo jet which had left San Francisco for Honolulu (14:20 PST 21st April) but was diverted after an anonymous caller phoned a San Francisco television station (KGO-TV) at 14:45 PST, saying there was a bomb aboard the plane. Caller phoned back between 15:15 and 15:30 PST saying "I put the bomb on that plane." The jet liner landed safely, no injuries.

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23rd April 1984

* 03:40 UT, 15 miles south of Lancaster, Pennsylvania: 40N01 76W19.

Minor earthquake measuring 4.1 on the Richter scale. Tremors felt in Delaware, Maryland, New Jersey, New York and Washington D.C. No injuries. Previously, on 18th April a 2.6-level shock occurred at the same place.

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24th April 1984

* 21:15 UT; Coyote, Califormia: 37N15 121W40.

Strongest earthquake on the Calaveras Fault since 1911. Measured 6.2 on Richter scale. Much damage.

Moon opposite Ascendant, closely square Mars.

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Joanne S. Clancy

* 12:00 UT, 16th April 1917; 42N07 80W04.

Source: Cyril Fagan.

The long-time editor of American Astrology announced her retirement in a letter dated 13th February 1984. The announcement was made public in the June 1984 issue of her magazine.

The signature of a successful astrological editor must surely be found in the Clancy horoscope. We note a close Mercury-Jupiter conjunction had risen just before birth. It is trine the ninth house Lunar Node. The Moon, sextile Mars, was moving to the conjunction of Uranus, itself sextile Venus.

This is a lady who deserves a long, joyful and contented retirement: a time of tranquility in which to write her poems.

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Vladimir Nabakov

* 22nd April 1899 (New Style) "at daybreak"; Morskaya (now Gercen or Hertzen) Street, St. Petersburg, Russia: 59N55.9 30E19.0

The most famous Russian emigre novelist, Nabokov was also a critic, teacher, inventor of chess problems, and entomologist, having several new species of butterfly to his credit. Left St. Petersburg in November 1917; left the Crimea, never to re-enter the Russian empire, in March 1919; his father shot in Berlin by Russian rightists, 28th March 1922; came to America in May 1940; published his notorious Lolita in 1955; retired to the Palace Hotel in Montreux, Switzerland, in 1961; died there in the Summer of 1977.

The following passage from Nabokov's autobiography is a typical example of calendrical confusion:

> ...we lagged twelve days behind the rest of the civilized world in the nineteenth century, and thirteen in the beginning of the twentieth. By the Old Style I was born on April 10, at daybreak, in the last year of the last century, and that was...April 22 in, say Germany; but since all my birthdays were celebrated, with diminishing pomp, in the twentieth century, everybody, including myself, upon being shifted by revolution and expatriation from the Julian calendar to the Gregorian, used to add thirteen, instead of twelve days to the 10th of April. The error is serious. What is to be done? I find "April 23" under "birth date" in my most recent passport....

We suggest a birth time of 01:59 UT and an Ascendant on the cusp of Aries. This is early, but at 60° North latitude it puts the Sun a scant 3.5 degrees below the horizon, well inside the twilight belt.

Moon-Venus-Saturn-Neptune grand cross in mutable signs; Sun-Mars-Jupiter T-cross in fixed signs.

Source for time: Vladimir Nabokov, Speak, Memory. New York: Putnam, 1966. Page 13.

Source for place: ibid., illustration opposite page 64, and Baedeker's St. Petersburg, 1902.

* **Thirty**

Below this final paragraph of DATA, ETCETERA, and also at the end of each article in this issue, you will see the symbol of the semi-sextile or 30-degree aspect. We chose it because 30 was the traditional mark used by journalists to end their stories.

LET'S CONSIDER

Carolyn H. Caufman writes:

Re: **HOROSCOPES IN AZIMUTH**

> "Traditional houses are a riddle to anyone who stops to think about them. No sooner has the Sun risen than it is in the twelfth house..."

A riddle? Not if you contemplate symbols and keywords. The Sun represents the physical person, life itself. The horizon represents the point of entry of a new life. Think about the conditions which surround an infant immediately after birth. What house best describes those conditions? A baby does not have a fully developed personality, does not marry, serve the public, have a career or participate in the activities described by any house except the twelfth.

The newborn spends most of his time in sleep. He has not yet developed physical strength, he is more vulnerable immediately after birth than he will be at any other time in his life. His body is quite plastic with cartilage in places where there will later be strong bone. He lives on an instinctive, intuitive level. Imprisoned by the bars of a crib, he lives in relative isolation on a liquid diet. Much of the time he is wet, even "soaked to the bone". His method of communicating is crying.

The Sun in the twelfth house immediately after birth is especially descriptive of the psychological developement of the newborn. Here it is necessary to point out some differences between the eighth and twelfth houses. Both are said to rule secrets but the secrets of the eighth house are those we choose to keep. We keep them secret because we consider them no one's business, or because the subjects make us blush or feel uncomfortable. They are subjects for which we often use euphemisms, such as sex and functions of the body.

The twelfth-house secrets are not secrets we choose to keep. They are secrets which are kept from us by our own minds. No matter how hard we try to remember information which is stored in the twelfth house we are still unable to gain access to it. Why does our memory keep parts of our personal history secret from us? There are many reasons but the first that we all encounter occurs while we are still infants. There is not yet vocabulary to label events as they take place. Nevertheless, everything that happens to us is recorded: the way in which we are cared for, the nurturing or lack of nurturing, the events and traumas. Every sight, sound and odour is stored in the part of our minds that is represented by the twelfth house.

This stored information will later become the foundation for the personality, the psychological foundation from which the entire life will spring. Pisces, the twelfth sign, rules the feet--the foundation of the physical body. On another level, the psychological level, Pisces-twelfth house represents the psychological foundation.

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Axel Harvey replies:

I shall not quibble with everything Carolyn Caufman says about the twelfth house: still, what a house means and where we should put it are two different questions. The claim that "The horizon represents the point of entry of a new life" is precisely the sort of doctrine I am challenging, and one doesn't defend it merely by restating it. I think I explained clearly enough that the Azimuth scheme (houses clockwise from the Vertex) and the old Zodiacal cycle share a single geometric path, namely a northward journey in the first quarter-cycle, a southward journey in the next half-cycle, and then the return north in the last quarter; and as far as I know the common houses are not related to the Zodiac by any simple, unitary idea of this sort, but only by patchwork analogy.

Now the twelfth house may indeed best suit a newborn child--more about that anon--but it does not follow that the Sun in the common twelfth house is "especially descriptive" in this respect. The Sun is glorious at 7 a.m., at least where I live. Carolyn Caufman might reply that, even if she grants we can put Cusp I anywhere, the Sun should still pass immediately from its starting point into the twelfth house in order to correspond to the native's condition after birth. But what then is the status of the first house itself (not only its cusp)? Does it represent the end of active life? Why does it come after the second? Can anyone answer these questions by anything but patchwork analogy?

I admit the Sun at 5 p.m. (my twelfth) is splendid too, but it is slipping down (dying); going north (Pisces-Aries); and its power is about to melt away before our dazzled eyes (Neptune).

The observation that babies cannot "participate in activities described by any house except the twelfth" depends on a view of houses that ignores their various levels of meaning. Houses do not just signify activities: they also tell us about inheritance, conditions, relationships, and other passive properties. Babies have parents and siblings, live in houses, get sick, and so forth; none of these things imply action on the baby's part, but they do have their correlates in the domification. As Caufman must have noticed, I tend to use the common houses for the passive horoscope, and the Azimuth map for the subject's responsible acts: so the old map is probably better for infants than mine.

Anyway, my reply is not intended to detract from some very good insights--especially the suggestion, implied if not stated

by Caufman, that we pay more attention to the horoscope of the querent-as-infant. The comments on the two types of secret are interesting and ring true; so does the choice of House XII as the locus of all unconscious perceptions. Only, to propose Pisces-twelfth as the sole psychological foundation is to bank rather too heavily on 20th-century dogma about the psyche.

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Diana K. Rosenberg writes:

With reference to **Nostradamus**: the quatrain about war followed by pestilence, "Mercury, Mars, Jupiter in France". There was a Mercury-Mars-Jupiter conjunction 9-10th June 1917 (parallel by declination) which heralded a world-wide "Spanish Flu" epidemic. The conjunction was in the longitude of Algol, Beta Persei. The epidemic killed an estimated 30 million people.

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Alan Shepherd writes:

Re; **From Goat to Fish**

Only complaint--Axel Harvey didn't mention Chiron as a wounded god (page 10)! Let's not forget ⚷!

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Pat Esclavon writes:

Re: **Data etcetera**

The article especially enjoyed and the one which really made a statement was a brief one entitled "Neptune sextile Pluto" (page 31). Bravo for your breath of optimism.

In the August issue of *CONSIDERATIONS* we expect to bring you a thoughtful article on *The East Point* by Jim Haynes; a copy of a *Letter to a Scientist* written recently in response to a question on Fate or Free Will; a well-known consultant will explain just how he goes about the task of interpreting a horoscope; Noah O'Daniel has more on *Earth Mysteries*; John Mazurek has ideas that relate a particular degree of the Zodiac to success at the track; and John Wallis writes about the value of the pre-independence solar eclipse in understanding and predicting events involving the U.S.A. Pelland, Harvey and Gillman can also be expected to provide fare for your *consideration*. See you, then.

A TECHNICAL NOTE

CONSIDERATIONS follows standard astrological and astronomical conventions as much as possible. Degrees of the Zodiac (ecliptic) are indicated either by the ° and ' symbols meaning degrees and minutes (and occasionally by " meaning seconds) or else by a sign symbol inserted between the degree and minutes parts. Thus 265°16' of Longitude is the same as 25°16' of Sagittarius or 25♐16.

Time is stated in hours and minutes (and sometimes seconds) separated by colons. Thus 2:07:48 means 2 hours, 7 minutes and 48 seconds. Civil time is usually stated as UT (Universal Time) or ET (Ephemeris Time) since this saves the reader from uncertainty about precisely what clock rules are being followed. UT may be converted to Eastern Standard Time (EST) by subtracting five hours. ET is approximately equivalent to UT. A good explanation of the difference between UT and ET is found in the appendix "How to Cast a Natal Horoscope" by Robert Hand and Joshua Brackett, in The American Ephemeris 1931 to 1980.

Hours are given in the 24-hour dial to avoid errors with "a.m." and "p.m."; 17:00, not 5:00 p.m.

Decimal points always separate whole numbers from decimal parts. Colons are used to separate whole numbers from sixtieths. Thus 2:07.8 means 2 hours, 7 minutes and eight-tenths of a minute, which is equivalent to 2:07:48.

When the decimal point is used together with degree, arc minute and arc second symbols, the decimal point follows the symbol of the last whole unit. Thus 23.41 degrees can be written 23°.41 or 23°24'.6 or 23°24'36".

Local sidereal time (ST) is expressed in hours. The right ascension of the local meridian (RAMC) is expressed in angular measure. The former is equal to the latter divided by 15. ST 7:51 is the same as RAMC 117°45'.

Zodiacal positions may be assumed to be tropical unless it is stated otherwise. Sidereal horoscopes usually require that an ayanamsha be specified.

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Considerations